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LAW A motorist who ignored a police officer's traffic directions in Sudbury has been nabbed for talking on a cellphone while driving.

Police say it happened Tuesday afternoon at a downtown intersection where the traffic lights were not working.

Police report a man went through the intersection against the officer's directions while chatting on his phone.

Drivers caught breaking the "distracted driving" law are subject to a $155 fine.

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Movies **Spliced together**

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Sarah Polley and Adrien Brody reunite on the red carpet outside the Winter Garden Theatre at last night's Toronto premiere of their film Splice. The pair play scientists who create artificial life with dangerous consequences. The thriller, which was filmed in Hamilton last year, opens June 4.

Got the frizzies?

Humidity giving people bad hair days across GTA

Air conditioning, ice cream, T-shirts and shorts were essential items around the GTA yesterday as temperature records were smashed for the second straight day.

David Phillips, a senior climatologist at Environment Canada, said a high-pressure system that started in the United States has caused a heat bubble that stretches across Ontario and Quebec.

"We've been breaking records all over Ontario and Quebec and it's really the kind of temperatures you would see in the dog days of summer with the high humidities," said Phillips.

"These are bad hair days, not bad air days, but bad hair days in Central Canada because there's a certain steaminess to this humidity."

31.4

According to Environment Canada, the mercury rose to 31.4 C by 5 p.m. yesterday, breaking the record of 30.6 C set May 26 in 1944 and later matched in 1965.

Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal set temperature records yesterday and Tuesday.

The system that moved in from the U.S. Midwest missed the Ohio Valley and Cleveland's dirty air, so Central Canada didn't get smog — good news for people with breathing problems, said Phillips.

"It's not the triple H, the heat and the humidity, but not necessarily the haze," he said.

Some areas of Ontario have seen more hot days this week than all of last summer, he noted.

"But get used to it. What you see is what you're going to get," Phillips said.

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Facebook puts finishing touches on privacy overhaul

NETWORKING Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg thinks he's finally found a solution to the site's privacy woes.

Yesterday, Zuckerberg announced a streamlined, single-click option for Facebook users to choose whether to share information with friends only, with friends of friends, or with everyone. The new settings will work retroactively with previous posts.

"Now we feel like we have the privacy model that's going to help us scale the service to millions and millions of more people and this is the end of the overhaul that we're doing," Zuckerberg said during a conference call.

Users can also access advanced settings to further customize exactly what is shared and how widely.

The site's engineers have tinkered with privacy settings over the last several months — sparking a backlash from users, who said the changes were confusing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Comedian to host debate

The first Ward 27 candidate debate (Toronto-Centre Rosedale) is scheduled for June 10 at Fly Nightclub, 8 Gloucester St. The event, hosted by comedian Maggie Cassella, left, will be a mix of discussion and game show challenges with a performance during the intermission. Doors open at 6 p.m., the event at 6:30 p.m.

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Toronto's No. 16

Survey ranks the most-livable cities globally

Toronto is among four Canadian cities that made the top 25 in the world for quality of living.

Vancouver shared the fourth spot with Auckland, New Zealand. Ottawa ranked 14th, Toronto placed 16th and Montreal came in at No. 21.

The Mercer Quality of Living survey looked at 221 cities and compared them on factors such as crime, health, education, transportation, recreation, housing and environment. The list is often used by multinational companies to determine appropriate compensation for executives asked to relocate.

Coun. Kyle Rae was dumbfounded that Ottawa beat out Toronto.

"Is it a bureaucrat that's writing this thing?" said Rae, chair of council's economic development committee. "Everyone knows Ottawa is a small town that has unparalleled sameness."

Last month, Mayor David Miller took a shot at Ottawa, where he attended high school, after the capital was ranked the most livable city in Canada by a national business magazine.

Told about the magazine survey, which ranked cities on factors such as house prices and unemployment, Miller asked a reporter: "Do you want to live in Ottawa?"

In a blow to Toronto's aspirations of being an environmental leader, the city ranked only 39th on Mercer's new list of "eco-cities" worldwide, while Calgary — capital of the Oil Patch — ranked No. 1 and Ottawa No. 3. The eco-ranking is based on factors such as water availability and drinkability, waste removal, quality of sewage systems, air pollution and traffic congestion, as well as a city's commitment to using renewable energy and minimizing pollution

Not so surprisingly, Baghdad remains at the bottom of the quality of life list, at No. 221. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two categories

Top 10 for quality of life	Top 10 eco-cities
1. Vienna, Austria	1. Calgary
2. Zurich, Switzerland	2. Honolulu
3. Geneva, Switzerland	3. Ottawa (tied with Helsinki)
4. Vancouver, Canada (tied with Auckland)	4. Helsinki, Finland
5. Auckland, New Zealand	5. Wellington, New Zealand
6. Dusseldorf, Germany	6. Minneapolis
7. Frankfurt, Germany	7. Adelaide, Australia
8. Munich, Germany	8. Copenhagen, Denmark
9. Bern, Switzerland	9. Kobe, Japan (tied with Oslo, Norway and Stockholm, Sweden)
10. Sydney, Australia	39. Toronto
16. Toronto	

Dog killed by car, family billed for the damages

AURORA When Kim Flemming got home from work on March 23 and let the dog out, she didn't know these were the last few moments she would see the family's beloved yellow Lab alive.

Twelve-year-old Jake loved to roam the area around the Flemmings' home in Aurora.

"Next thing I knew there was a knock on the door and a gentleman said, 'Do you have a dog? He's on the road,'" Flemming recalled. "This lady had hit him. I got to the road and he was dying. He died in my arms."

On May 17, Flemming received a bill for $1,732.80 from State Farm Insurance.

"Our investigation into this matter has found you to be 100-per-cent responsible. As such, we are looking to you for reimbursement," the letter stated.

Aurora bylaws require a pet to be on a leash when off the owner's property.

The family has informed State Farm they do not plan to pay the bill, and are considering their options. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Protest **Fight for affordability**

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jennifer Tanudjaja, an applicant in a human rights case against Ontario and Canada, spoke outside of the Provincial courthouse in Toronto during a small protest yesterday morning. The group is asking the Superior Court of Ontario for a declaration that Canada and Ontario have violated human rights by failing to provide adequate, affordable and sustainable housing.

News in brief

SALAD RECALL The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is warning consumers to avoid Fresh Express brand romaine lettuce-based salads. The agency says the salads may be contaminated with salmonella. Affected salads have use-by dates of May 13 through May 16 and an "S" in the product code. The salads have been distributed in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec but may have been distributed nationally. There have been no reported illnesses associated with the almost 20 varieties of the product included in the alert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man recovering after shooting
A man is recovering in hospital after being shot in the arm and chest near Lawrence Avenue and Allen Road late Tuesday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Security costs $1.1B

Most expensive 72 hours in Canadian history, MP says

Federal documents show Ottawa plans to spend another $160 million for the G8 and G20 summits, above and beyond the $933-million price tag for security that was made public this week.

Canada's three-day summit bonanza at the end of June will cost taxpayers at least $1.1 billion, with further costs still not fully accounted for.

"This might be the most expensive 72 hours in Canadian history," said Liberal MP Mark Holland.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews has already confirmed Ottawa is budgeting at least $933 million for security, and could come back to Parliament for more in the fall if security costs spike higher.

$50M Documents show Ottawa has already spent $50 million to spruce up the area around Huntsville, Ont., where the G8 summit will be held.

"This is what the experts tell us is required. I don't think people understand exactly how many people are at these summits," Toews said yesterday.

The security price tag does not include the cost of hospitality, infrastructure, food safety or extra staffing needed to handle pre-summit meetings.

Federal documents released this week show Ottawa is spending $101 million to organize the G20 process. Most of that pot goes to Foreign Affairs to expand its summit office, pay for meeting space and hold outreach and preparatory meetings.

About $1.2 million is for the Health Department to ensure foreign dignitaries stay healthy and don't eat bad food.

The documents also show that Ottawa is allocating $10 million to the border infrastructure fund for G8-related projects.

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Education **Change your future**

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Gabriel Benjamen, a Grade 6 student at St. David Catholic School, reads his essay yesterday at the Learning Partnership's Change Your Future and Turning Points awards luncheon at Hart House. Gabriel was one of six winners out of more than 9,000 submissions. The Learning Partnership is a national non-profit dedicated to championing a strong public education system in Canada.

Four arrested over fireworks, firearms on Victoria Day

DANGER Four people, including a teen girl, are facing charges in connection with the shooting of fireworks and firearms in the Jane Street and Sheppard Avenue West area at around 10:50 p.m. on May 24.

Police allege that individuals in the group began shooting fireworks at one another, with one man firing a handgun into the crowd, during the Victoria Day festivities. Witnesses spotted the group fleeing the scene in a vehicle.

Police pulled over a vehicle nearby and discovered two firearms inside.

Edgar Quidayan, 27, Roger Ali, 20, and Daniel Rodriguez Martinez, 18, face several charges, including unauthorized possession of a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon. Also charged is a 17-year-old female who cannot be named. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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It's a dog's day in Etobicoke

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Keep Ontario healthy: TD

Province urged to promote better living, create tax to control costs

Premier Dalton McGuinty should set a goal of making Ontario the "healthiest province in Canada" to help contain the costs of health care, says a report by TD Bank economists.

Ontario should also consider new sources of revenue — including a "health-care benefits tax" blended into the income tax system, and a system for pre-funding drug costs, in much the way a pension plan pre-funds retirement.

While the report calls for increased involvement of the private sector in some parts of health care in order to improve efficiency, it says payments for health services should still be covered under OHIP.

Boosting efficiency is one way to keep health care from overwhelming the budget, says TD.

A healthier population is less costly to serve, argues the bank, and the province should lead an "extraordinary effort" to improve health by measures such as promoting physical activity and reducing smoking and salt consumption.

Special efforts should be made to reach youth and "disadvantaged groups," it says, and big employers, whose workers make up about half of Canada's workforce, should also promote healthier lifestyles. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

80% TD projects health spending is likely to grow by 6.5 per cent a year, while government revenues grow only four per cent. At that rate, health care would eat 80 per cent of the province's program budget by 2030, up from 46 per cent today.

ROBERT BENZIE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty meets with Shai Agassi, founder of Better Place, after testing a prototype of an electric Renault Laguna yesterday in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Premier gets sneak peek at Israeli electric car

TEL AVIV Premier Dalton McGuinty took a spin in Israel's car of tomorrow before road-testing a message of hope as he heads to the West Bank to meet Palestinian officials.

McGuinty drove a prototype Renault Laguna yesterday, the world's first electric car with an easily switchable battery, at Better Place, which is building a nationwide network of charging stations in Tel Aviv.

"It's an exciting concept, it's a responsible concept. It's one that's going to prove to be a benefit to the economy and to the environment," he said at the company's testing centre.

The Israeli firm will open a similar facility in Toronto in 2011 and put some experimental electric taxis on city streets.

Switching stations and plug-in chargers at shopping malls and business will be built throughout Israel — and be coming to Ontario. "Most of the people working in Toronto live within a span of an hour to an hour and a half from the city. If you live further than that, you're an exception, you're not the rule. It's mostly focused on the suburban driver," Agassi said of the cars.

The cars can be "trickle-charged" overnight or switch batteries at a special station in minutes.

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Riders to audit TTC stations for cleanliness and upkeep in July

TRANSIT For Mark Maloney, it was the dirt on the Plexiglas panels at the Dupont subway station. They were so coated in grime that he started writing the kind of messages you see on dirty cars in the winter — "Disgusting" and "Clean me."

The Toronto history writer has joined with Vaughan civic activist Steven Del Duca and TTC vice-chair Joe Mihevc in a voluntary audit of the condition of all 69 TTC stations on July 17.

During the grassroots event, people will be invited to go to their most frequently used station and take inventory of things such as lighting, graffiti, garbage and signages, using a checklist based on one designed by the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area. Results, to be tabulated at ttcpassengeraudit.wordpress.com,will be submitted to the TTC, and improvements will be tracked later. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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South Asian network teaching healthy cooking

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Porn makes for risky business

Surfing X-rated sites at work still popular despite pitfalls

The Center for Internet Addiction Recovery says estimates suggest one in five Internet addicts are engaged in some form of online sexual activity, and statistics have also shown 70 per cent of all Internet porn traffic takes place during the workday.

But in an era where many employers are cracking down on personal use of office computers for non-work related activity, why would employees run the risk of trying to access explicit material using company resources — and on-the-job time?

"I think that people perhaps think they can get away with it," said Penny Lawson, manager of the Sexual Addiction Treatment Program at Bellwood Health Services in Toronto.

"Not everybody who accesses porn at work has a sexual addiction. But certainly someone with a sexual addiction, the risk of getting caught increases the excitement around it."

"Don't give the company a reason to fire you."
Fiorella Callocchia, HR Impact

Fiorella Callocchia, president of HR Impact in Mississauga, said companies need to be clear about the appropriate use of technology. Workers should find out about policies with respect to use of the Internet and err on the side of caution, she said.

"Don't give the company a reason to fire you," Callocchia said. "If you're serious about keeping your job ... get an iPhone and do what you want to do on your time." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The much-hyped iPad goes on sale in Canada tomorrow morning.

iPad set to make Canadian debut

TECH The iPad goes on sale in Canada tomorrow and will be available at Best Buy and Future Shop stores, in addition to Apple's retail shops.

There are sure to be early morning lineups at Apple's 16 stores in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, which will open their doors at 8 a.m.

Best Buy and Future Shop will also have the iPad at stores across the country, but quantities will be limited.

Spokesman Christopher Bennett says all six models of the iPad will be available.

The Wi-Fi models with 16, 32 and 64 gigabytes of storage are priced at $549, $649 and $749, respectively. The 3G models are $679, $779 and $879, respectively.

Bennett also advises that customers should "get there early." Staff will hand out tickets an hour before stores open to customers in line.

Bennett could not comment on how many iPads will be available or when stores would get more stock after the first shipment sells out. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

DRUGS Endangering children by exposing them to illegal drugs would be an offence in Ontario under legislative changes being proposed by an opposition member and backed by police leaders. Progressive Conservative community safety critic Garfield Dunlop said he will introduce a private member's bill Monday to help police and child protection workers come to the aid of kids who live in homes where illegal drugs are produced or trafficked. The bill would make it a separate offence to "drug endanger" a child and add drug endangerment as a form of child abuse, Dunlop said yesterday.

AMBER ALERTS Canada's Amber Alert system is going wireless in an effort to reach millions of cellphone users. The country's cellphone industry is getting together with the RCMP and other police forces to offer free Amber Alerts to most wireless phone users. The alerts — which are issued to the public after a reported child abduction — will be sent as text messages to those who sign up for the service. Those who want to join the program can subscribe online at WirelessAMBER.ca or sign up directly from their phones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former B'nai Brith chief pleads guilty to child porn charges
The former Quebec director of B'nai Brith has admitted possessing child pornography. Bill Surkis pleaded guilty to one count of accessing and one count of possessing child pornography when he appeared in a Montreal court yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A penny for their thoughts

Now may be the time to go out and spend that jar of pennies you've been hoarding. The Senate's national finance committee was set last night to discuss what could happen if the coin is eliminated. The Bank of Canada, the Royal Canadian Mint and the Department of Finance were to give their input on the issue.
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Black teens targeted by police: Study

RACE Young blacks are more than twice as likely to be arrested in Montreal as white teenagers, a study suggests.

Université de Montréal professor Christopher McAll told a racial profiling hearing his study suggests police have paid a disproportionate amount of attention to black teenagers.

The study showed that in 2001 black teens were 2.24 times more likely to be arrested than whites of the same age.

Quebec's human rights commission launched the hearings amid concerns racial profiling had become endemic in the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fraser gets poll's thumbs-up

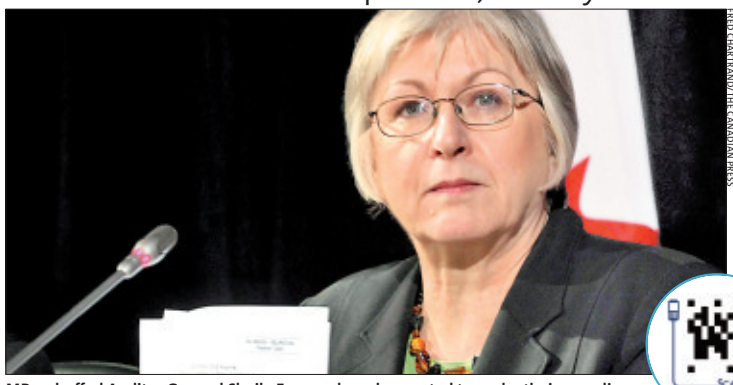
Canadians fear MPs break rules on expenses, survey shows

A new poll suggests Canadians, in effect, support Auditor General Sheila Fraser in her quest to make MPs come clean on expenses.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey indicates Canadians overwhelmingly believe their MPs are breaking the rules on expense claims.

The poll is bad news for MPs who have collectively rejected a request by Fraser to examine half a billion dollars in annual spending.

The poll of just over 1,000 respondents found that 80 per cent believe it likely MPs are claiming expenses against the rules, and just 12 per cent think it unlikely.



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MPs rebuffed Auditor General Sheila Fraser when she wanted to probe their spending.

Fully 85 per cent of those surveyed said they were concerned about the MPs' refusal to let Fraser look at their books

Meanwhile, MPs are finally acknowledging they have a huge, collective, public-relations problem.

It appears MPs of all stripes got an earful about expenses from people back home during last week's House of Commons break. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bounty hunters kill 71,000 coyotes

FARMING A bounty Saskatchewan offered hunters and farmers has resulted in more than 71,000 coyotes being killed.

Agriculture Minister Bob Bjornerud says the animals were killing livestock and putting farm families in danger.

The province paid $20 per coyote under a pilot program that ran until the end of March.
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Ferry's sinking sunk captain — now he wants his job back

The captain aboard the Queen of the North ferry that sank off the coast of British Columbia four years ago is petitioning a court to get his job back. Colin Henthorne was fired after the ferry sank off B.C.'s northern coast on March 22, 2006, killing two passengers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories target fraudsters

The Harper government moved yesterday to crack down on stock market fraud.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced long-awaited federal legislation for creating a national securities regulator.

Flaherty said he would introduce the proposed Canadian Securities Act in Parliament "for information" — and then ask the country's top court to rule on whether Ottawa has authority to make such a law.

Jim Flaherty

Some provinces, notably Quebec and Alberta, object to Ottawa's move into an area that has been regulated by the provincial and territorial governments.

But Flaherty said many international organizations — including the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development — have come out in favour of a single national regulator for Canada.

> **"The words transparency, prudence and oversight came back into fashion."**
> Jim Flaherty

"The global financial crisis thrust the role of financial regulation and the lack of it into the spotlight," Flaherty said.

"The words transparency, prudence and oversight came back into fashion after too long an absence."

Flaherty added: "The government owes it to all investors to do what we can to protect them."

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Stand by ... Canada's going grey

POPULATION A new study says Canada's population could exceed 40 million by 2036.

And Statistics Canada says as baby-boomers turn 65, the number of senior citizens could more than double, outnumbering children for the first time.

The agency says the population could grow from 33.7 million to between 40.1 million and 47.7 million between 2009 and 2036.

It says growth would be higher than the national average in Ontario and British Columbia.

The population of every province and territory would increase — except in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The entire baby-boom generation will turn 65 by 2031 and by 2036 the number of seniors is projected to reach between 9.9 million and 10.9 million.

Seniors would surpass children aged 14 or under for the first time between 2015 and 2021.

StatsCan says the population's median age would be between 42 and 45 years by 2036, compared with the current median of 39.5.

"The population aging is not really a surprise," said StatsCan analyst Patrice Dion. "In 1960, eight per cent of the Canadian population were aged 65 and over, and in 2009 this proportion is 14 per cent."

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Seniors could outnumber children in the future, Statistics Canada says.

Boomers — the new face of aging

THE FUTURE An expert believes the transition of boomers to senior citizens will dramatically redefine what it means to age.

Boomers are highly educated, many have had great careers, and as seniors will be one of the healthiest generations, said Martine Lagace, an associate professor at the University of Ottawa.

And many may want to continue to work and contribute to society, and in doing so are changing the meaning of retirement, Lagace added.

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Mom gets probation in infant death case

COURTS A woman who pleaded guilty to failing to provide the necessities of life for her infant daughter was sentenced yesterday to six months probation as part of her conditional discharge in the child's death last July in Halifax.

Under a plea bargain, Jane Elizabeth Gomes, 23, admitted to the lesser offence last month in provincial court after she was originally charged with two counts of manslaughter.

Her seven-week old baby Aurora died in hospital on July 27.

Judge Jamie Campbell accepted the sentence, which was jointly recommended by Crown prosecutor Denise Smith and Gomes' lawyer, Peter Mancini.

"Making an example of Jane Gomes or exacting retribution from her would, in my view, compound one dark human tragedy with another," Campbell told the court.

Gomes, who is originally from Bangladesh and had been studying computer science at Acadia University, was emotional when the hearing adjourned.

She fell sobbing into the arms of Mancini and her surety, retired Baptist minister Judith Tod Gates.

Campbell placed a temporary publication ban on the facts presented at the hearing that relate to Ashiqur Rahman.

He is her former partner and is charged with manslaughter in the child's death.

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Jane Elizabeth Gomes leaves court in Halifax yesterday.

Mounties charged after bar bust-up

CRIME Two Mounties are facing charges in a verbal argument that almost turned into a physical fight at a southern Alberta bar.

The RCMP say officers from the Brooks detachment were called to investigate a complaint about a disturbance at a local drinking hole.

It's alleged six off-duty members from three separate detachments were involved in a liquor-fuelled dispute.

"It's an ongoing investigation so I can't really comment," said RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Tim Taniguchi. "The public expects us to investigate these matters and to show transparency," Taniguchi said.

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News in brief

CRIME Mounties in Richmond, B.C., worry an important source of information in the battle against marijuana grow-ops may be going up in smoke. They believe the public is increasingly reluctant to report pot houses.The trend is alarming because police depend on tips to identify grow-ops that are often linked to organized crime and can bring violence or dangerous fumes and chemicals to neighbourhoods. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Woman accused of biting police officer

A woman from southwestern Ontario is facing charges after police allege she bit an officer. Angela Eddy, 37, of Ridgetown, Ont., faces several charges, including assaulting a peace officer, flight from police and driving without a licence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ouellet defends abortion remarks

The Roman Catholic Primate of Canada is standing by his comments that abortion is unjustifiable, even in the case of rape, and is urging the federal government to help pregnant women keep their child.

"Governments are funding clinics for abortion," said Marc Cardinal Ouellet. "I would like equity for organisms that are defending also life.

"If we have equity in funding those instances to help women, I think we would make lots of progress in Canada."

Two weeks ago, Ouellet applauded Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government for its stance against funding abortions in the developing world — praise from which Ottawa quickly distanced itself.

Yesterday, Ouellet urged the federal government to take concrete actions at home, such as supporting women who decide to keep their child.

"If they do not want to fund abortion abroad and they do not bring at home more help to women to keep their child, I think they are incoherent," he said.

Ouellet said the ultimate responsibility for deciding to have an abortion is a matter of personal conscience. He insisted he is not judging women who have abortions and said he would help them afterward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cardinal Marc Ouellet, archbishop of Quebec, speaks yesterday in Quebec City.

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Ottawa gets failing grades in fight on illegal smokes

CIGARETTES A watchdog group is giving the federal government failing grades in its efforts to snuff out the trade in illegal smokes.

The National Coalition Against Contraband Tobacco says illegal cigarettes are pouring into Canada and the feds aren't doing enough to stem the flow.

Coalition spokesman Gary Grant, a retired Toronto cop, says Ottawa gets a D grade overall for its efforts.

He says the government rates an F for failing to keep illegal smokes out of the hands of children, and an F for failing to educate the public about the dangers of the contraband trade.

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- Almost half the cigarettes smoked in Ontario are contraband.

He says cigarette smuggling finances organized crime, which uses the profits to move drugs, guns and even people across the border.

The smuggling costs the country more than $2.4 billion per year in lost taxes, he says.

Grant says the real worry is youngsters.

"Our young people, kids who shouldn't be smoking at all, are having no trouble getting their hands on illegal cigarettes," he said yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

OILSANDS An investors group says it is encouraged by the results of a vote by ExxonMobil shareholders on the risks of investing in Alberta's oilsands. Just more than 26 per cent of shareholders voted in favour of a resolution that called on the energy giant to disclose information about the challenges associated with the oilsands. Emily Stone of Green Century Capital Management says the results reflect growing awareness of potential problems with oil exploration. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Teen says scaling Everest was the time of his life

The 13-year-old California boy who became the youngest person to scale Mount Everest made it off the mountain safely yesterday, saying reaching the highest point in the world was the time of his life. Jordan Romero reached the 8,850-metre summit on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Greek road closed by 'carpet of frogs'

Greek officials say a horde of frogs forced the closure of a key northern highway for two hours yesterday. Traffic police chief Giorgos Thanoglou said "millions" of the amphibians covered the tarmac near the town of Langadas, some 20 kilometres east of Thessaloniki. "There was a carpet of frogs," he said. Authorities closed the highway after three car drivers skidded off the road trying to dodge the frogs. No human injuries were reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China iPod maker bids to repair image after suicides

Foxconn Technology Group showed off a motherboard factory, swimming pool and a hotline centre for workers with emotional problems yesterday as the giant company — maker of iPods and other popular gadgets — tried to repair an image damaged by a spate of employee suicides in China.

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Staff members work the production line at the Foxconn complex in Shenzhen, China, as reporters toured the giant electronics company that has been battered by a string of worker suicides.

The company's media-shy chairman, Terry Gou, repeatedly apologized for the 10 deaths this year and told reporters the firm would do everything possible to prevent more suicides. Nets were put on buildings to stop people from jumping, and about 100 mental health counsellors were being trained.

Gou said he has been having trouble sleeping at night because of the suicides, the latest one reported Tuesday when a 19-year-old man jumped from a building after working at the plant for about a month.

The tour with six busloads of journalists went through the palm tree-lined streets of the sprawling factory complex in the southern city of Shenzhen, north of Hong Kong.

The walled-in industrial park employs 300,000 workers and looks more like a small city with fast-food restaurants, bakeries, Bank of China branches and towering dormitories for workers.

Foxconn was trying to address allegations from labour groups that the workers were killing themselves because of hellish conditions in the factories, which churn out iPhones, Dell computers, Nokia mobile phones and many other big-selling electronics.

Critics allege that Foxconn manages its plants with a strict military approach and workers must work too much overtime on assembly lines that move too fast.

Gou didn't take questions about such issues at a news conference, but he insisted the vast majority of workers were happy, and too much attention was being given to the troubled few.

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Clinton throws full support behind South Korea on visit

"The international community has a responsibility and a duty to respond."
U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

SEOUL U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said yesterday the world must respond to the "unacceptable provocation" represented by the sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on Pyongyang, as the regime shelled out more blistering rhetoric against Seoul and Washington.

Tension on the divided Korean peninsula has risen dramatically since international investigators said last week that a torpedo fired by a North Korean submarine tore apart and sank the South Korean warship Cheonan on March 26, killing 46 sailors.

South Korea, backed by the U.S., Japan and other allies, began implementing a package of punitive measures against the North on Tuesday — ranging from slashing trade, resuming propaganda warfare and barring the North's cargo ships. Those were seen as among the strongest it could implement short of military action.

"This was an unacceptable provocation by North Korea, and the international community has a responsibility and a duty to respond," Clinton told reporters in Seoul, the final leg of a three-nation Asian tour.

South Korea's measures "are absolutely appropriate and they have the full support of the United States."

Later yesterday, North Korea again called the investigation results a "fabrication" and accused U.S. President Barack Obama's administration of being behind a plot to pinpoint the North as the culprit to bolster its military presence in the region.

North Korea, which has vowed to retaliate against any punishment for the ship sinking, has declared it is cutting relations with South Korea, starting "all-out counterattacks" against the South's psychological warfare operations and barring South Korean ships and airliners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The pill still No. 1 with women

BIRTH CONTROL The pill is still the No. 1 contraceptive for American women, but it's even more popular in other countries, according the first government report comparing nations.

Sterilization, however, is used more in the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported yesterday.

In the U.S., 16 per cent of married women say they use the pill. That compares to 29 per cent in the United Kingdom and more than 40 per cent in the Netherlands and France.

About one in four U.S. married women have been sterilized. Most of the other six countries who report sterilization figures had rates below 10 per cent.

25%
Approximate amount of U.S. married women who have been sterilized.

International comparisons are sometimes difficult because some nations only have information on married women, explained William Mosher, an author of the new report.

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News in brief

NUCLEAR Britain offered its first accounting of its nuclear arsenal yesterday, revealing that it has a stockpile of 225 warheads in a move that offers transparency to non-nuclear states in hopes of winning stricter global controls on the spread of atomic weapons. The announcement, made without fanfare in the House of Commons, follows the Obama administration's disclosure that the U.S. has stockpiled 5,113 nuclear warheads and "several thousand" more retired warheads awaiting the junk pile. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Officials hail enhanced Polish security

Polish and U.S. officials hailed the arrival in Poland of an American Patriot missile battery, saying yesterday the hardware and soldiers just kilometres from the Russian border enhance Polish security but pose no threat to Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

PHILADELPHIA Airline officials are trying to figure out how a sleeping passenger was left aboard a flight for four hours after it landed in Philadelphia. Police and the U.S. Transportation Security Administration say the passenger didn't wake up when her United Express flight landed shortly after midnight Tuesday. A cleaning crew found her about four hours later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan restores some web access

VIDEOS Pakistan will restore access to YouTube but will block videos offensive to Muslims that are posted on the video-sharing site, the government said yesterday.

A number of high-profile websites were blocked in Pakistan last week over offensive content, such as a Facebook page that urges users to post images of Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Many citizens supported the crackdown, but some questioned why entire sites were blocked rather than specific pages or videos.

The government seemed to move in that direction yesterday by deciding it would restore access to YouTube but continue to block videos "displaying profane or sacrilegious material," said Najibullah Malik, the secretary at Pakistan's information technology ministry. The government is issuing orders to Internet service providers to implement the decision, he said. YouTube was not available as of last night for comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An image from a video feed on BP's website shows the oil plume. The oil company planned a "top kill," designed to choke off the gusher by force-feeding it heavy mud and cement.

Was oil spill preventable?

Source claims BP 'shortcuts'

Senior managers complained oil giant British Petroleum was "taking shortcuts" by replacing heavy drilling fluid with saltwater in the well that blew out, triggering the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, according to witness statements obtained by The Associated Press.

Truitt Crawford, a roustabout for drilling rig owner Transocean LTD, told coast guard investigators about the complaints. The seawater, which would have provided less weight to contain surging pressure from the ocean depths, was being used to prepare for dropping a final blob of cement into the well.

"I overheard upper management talking saying that BP was taking shortcuts by displacing the well with saltwater instead of mud without sealing the well with cement plugs, this is why it blew out," Crawford said in his statement.

The coast guard yesterday granted final approval for BP's latest bid to plug the leaking well by force-feeding it heavy drilling mud and cement. There was no word on when the procedure called "top kill" might begin. Meanwhile, statements from workers ahead of a hearing in New Orleans yesterday and a congressional memo about a BP internal investigation of the blast indicated warning signs were ignored.

Tests shortly before the well blew out found a buildup of pressure that was an "indicator of a very large abnormality," BP's investigator said, according to the memo. A panel reviewing the incident also found a variety of other red flags shortly before the blast.

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BP's response

- A spokesman for BP, which was leasing the rig Deepwater Horizon when it exploded April 20, killing 11 workers and triggering a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, declined to comment.

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What causes hereditary hair loss?

Each hair grows from a pocket in the skin called the hair follicle. During its growing phase, the follicle has a bulb-shaped bottom, the center of which is called the dermal papilla. The papilla is fed by very small blood vessels, which bring it food & oxygen and remove wastes. The papilla is highly sensitive to hormones and chemicals secreted by the body *(or ingested as a medicine)* which impacts hair growth.

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Over a period of time, an over abundance of DHT causes the hair follicle to degrade and shortens the active phase of the hair, eventually leading to thinner hair and eventual hair loss.

How does BIO-FEN PLUS™ *work?*

Specific compounds within the herbal extracts inhibit the 5-alpha-reductase *(and therefore reduce DHT)* to prevent or slow down the rate of hair loss. This process is the principle by which the prescription drugs such as Propecia *(finasteride)* work. However, BIO-FEN PLUS™ also contains additional compounds which remove excess cholesterol and testosterone – the building blocks of DHT.

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Anyone experiencing new growth will see it within four to six months. Once results become apparent, some users are able to reduce their BIO-FEN PLUS™ supplement dose to one capsule every second or every third day. Some clients will continue to take BIO-FEN PLUS™ daily. Once you stop completely, however, your hair growth pattern will slowly go back to the point where you started.

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What is the quality of BIO-FEN PLUS™ *?*

BIO-FEN PLUS™ is manufactured in Canada according to a quality assurance program called Good Manufacturing Practices *(GMP)*. This ensures that the ingredients are tested for their level of quality, potency & purity, prior to production and again prior to sale.

See our website to locate your nearest Health Food Store or Pharmacy that offers BIO-FEN PLUS™ and other quality products from Hair Grow Technology. If you have any questions or comments about our products that target hair loss and support the growth of strong, healthy hair, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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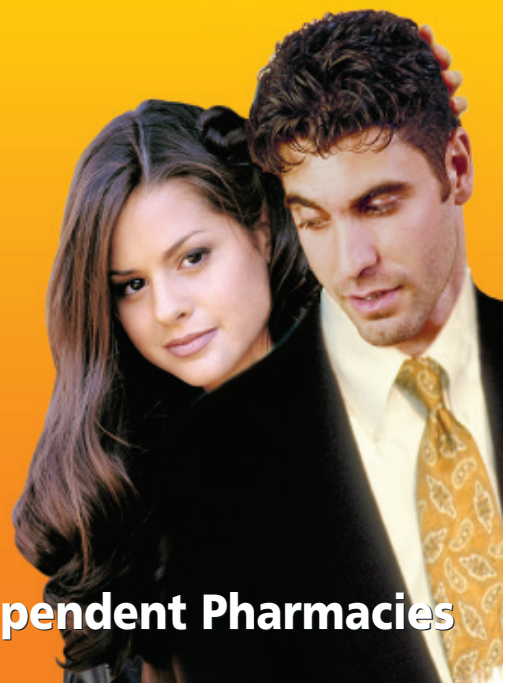

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Sudan reported to UN Security Council
The International Criminal Court said yesterday it has reported Sudan to the UN Security Council for refusing to arrest a government minister and a militia leader suspected of war crimes in Darfur. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Critics say Obama's border troops need more teeth

ARIZONA U.S. President Barack Obama's plan to send as many as 1,200 National Guard troops back to the U.S.-Mexico border quelled demands that he must do more to battle illegal immigration and drug smuggling, but advocates for tougher enforcement say the troops need authority to make detentions.

The new plan looks similar to the National Guard initiative under former president George W. Bush: Troops will work on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support, and will eventually be replaced by more border patrol and customs agents. The plan at this point doesn't call for the ability to round up suspected illegal immigrants and smugglers.

Obama

The Mexican government issued a statement Tuesday saying it hoped the troops would be used to fight drug cartels and not enforce immigration laws. Mexico has traditionally objected to the use of the military to control illegal immigration.

Under Bush, the National Guard troops were designed to back the Border Patrol for two years as 6,000 more agents were trained and hired, and they weren't allowed to detain immigrants or smugglers.

They were pulled out in July 2008, as planned, but many argue that drug violence and immigrant smuggling continue unchecked.

Arizona's sweeping new immigration law, which requires police to question anyone they suspect of being in the country illegally, has made the topic a national campaign issue. Obama was pushed to take action Tuesday after Republicans threatened to force a congressional vote on sending troops to the border.

Republican state Sen. Russell Pearce of Arizona, the author of the state's new immigration law, said he fears Obama will repeat what he sees as Bush's mistake in not giving troops the power to confront and detain violent smugglers and other armed criminals along the border.

Pearce was disturbed by an incident in 2007 where National Guard troops backed off and called in federal agents as gunmen approached their Arizona post. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Getting away with murder

Amnesty International's newest report takes aim at human rights abusers

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

One January evening four years ago, Kasippillai Manoharan's son left his house in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, to go to the temple. He never returned.

"When I heard gunshots outside I didn't take notice," Dr. Manoharan told Metro. "But then I got a text message from my son saying that he and others had been surrounded by the military." Manoharan managed to find out where ambulances had taken his son and others wounded outside the temple. "At first the military didn't let me come inside, but when they did, I couldn't find my son in the emergency room. I went to the morgue, where I found him, with two gunshot wounds in his head."

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Kasippillai Manoharan, Sri Lankan refugee

But when Manoharan later testified about his son's death, he received death threats and was harassed by the police and military. Unfortunately, his case is far from unique. According to Amnesty International's new annual report out today, governments increasingly block advances in international law and act only when it's politically convenient.

"Far too many perpetrators are literally getting away with murder," Amnesty's Secretary General Claudio Cordone told Metro. "One hundred and eleven countries have signed up to the International Criminal Court, but many others haven't, including members of the G20."

There has been some progress. Last year, Argentina's last military president, Reynaldo Benito Bignone, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for human rights violations, and the ICC has issued an arrest warrant for Sudan's president, Omar al-Bashir.

"The ICC's indictment of al-Bashir shows the world that nobody, not even a president, is immune," Cordone said.

But Sri Lanka has failed to set up a commission to investigate its civil war against the Tamil Tigers, and the Iranian government is increasingly cracking down on the opposition. Iranian film director Jafar Panahi, who has been detained by the government, recently went on a hunger strike.

And Kasippillai Manoharan? Sensing his life was in danger, he fled to Britain.

Philippines **Hello, anybody home?**

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Hollywood actress Michelle Yeoh clowns around with a student at a school near Manila yesterday. Yeoh brought her global campaign for road safety to the Asia-Pacific region, where she warned that deaths and injuries from accidents were reaching epidemic levels.

Protesters hope to send Trump into the rough

SCOTLAND Protesters opposed to Donald Trump's planned $1.5-billion Scottish golf resort say they've pulled a trick shot out of their bag.

At the centre of the plan is local fisherman Michael Forbes, who has long been an irritant to Trump. Forbes has refused the tycoon's offer of nearly $700,000 US to buy his family's 23-acre rundown farm, which sits at the centre of the planned resort.

But Forbes has sold an acre of his land near Aberdeen to protesters who also disagree with Trump's plans — a sale that will force the property tycoon to face down more than 60 people.

The group, Tripping Up Trump, says it purchased the land and named it "The Bunker."

Trump, who flew to Scotland yesterday, said: "Forbes is someone who I would love to see clean up his property. It is a slum and a pigsty. His barn is rusty, rotten and falling down." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

RUSSIA An explosion tore through the centre of a southern city yesterday, killing five people and wounding at least 20 as locals gathered for a Chechen dance concert, officials said. The blast bore the hallmarks of terrorist attacks that plague Russia's North Caucasus region, though the city of Stavropol rarely suffers the separatist-related violence that pervades Chechnya and other bordering provinces. Russia's Investigative Committee said in a website statement that the blast occurred near an outdoor cafe that served as a cultural centre. A renowned Chechen dance company was scheduled to perform there 15 minutes after the blast struck.

WASHINGTON Aadith Moorthy, an eighth grader from Florida, won the National Geographic Bee yesterday with the help of a question about Caribbean neighbour Haiti. The final question in a best-of-five round asked for the largest city in northern Haiti, which was renamed following Haiti's independence from France. The answer was Cap-Haitien. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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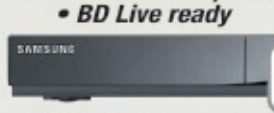

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Rwandan fugitive arrested in France

A judicial official says French police have detained a Rwandan doctor convicted in absentia in his homeland for a role in that country's 1994 genocide. Eugene Rwamucyo was picked up yesterday in Sannois, northwest of Paris, on an international warrant issued by Rwanda in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toddler lives through brush with train

AUSTRALIA A 15-month-old boy escaped with just a few cuts and bruises yesterday after a train struck his stroller, which rolled onto the tracks when his grandmother looked away for just a moment.

Security camera footage shows the stroller rolling over the edge of the platform just as the train pulls into the station. The stroller is pushed a short distance down the tracks before the train comes to a halt in front of horrified people.

"It's absolutely amazing that this child isn't more injured than what he is, given the circumstances of the accident," paramedic Kate Jessop told reporters.

Officials have not released the names of the child or grandmother.

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VideoOnline

Watch raw footage of the stroller rolling onto the tracks at **metronews.ca/world**

At least 44 dead in Jamaican shootout

Police move on gangster's slum stronghold

Jamaican security forces claimed a tenuous hold over the slum stronghold of a gang leader sought by the U.S., but only after battles that killed at least 44 civilians, the country's official ombudsman said yesterday.

Officers and soldiers were still fighting holdout defenders of Christopher Coke, known as "Dudus," in pockets of the Tivoli Gardens area. He was still at large after nearly three days of street battles.

Bishop Herro Blair, Jamaica's most prominent evangelical pastor, told The Associated Press that independent evaluations have put the number of civilian dead at 44 in West Kingston alone.

Police have said at least four soldiers and police officers also died in fighting in West Kingston and elsewhere around the capital.

The country's embattled Prime Minister Bruce Golding promised an independent investigation into all civilian deaths during the operation.

"The government deeply regrets the loss of lives, especially those of members of the security forces and innocent, law-abiding citizens caught in the crossfire."
Jamaican Prime Minister Bruce Golding

Blair and Jamaica's public defender were escorted by security forces into Tivoli Gardens, where supporters of Coke began massing last week after Golding dropped his nine-month refusal to extradite him to the U.S.

Coke has ties to Golding's Labor Party, which gets a large number of votes from the Tivoli Gardens area Golding represents in parliament. In a Tuesday address to legislators, Golding indicated he was taken aback by the intensity of the assault.

"The government deeply regrets the loss of lives, especially those of members of the security forces and innocent, law-abiding citizens caught in the crossfire. The security forces were directed to take all practical steps to avoid casualties as much as possible," he said.

Golding vowed that the "most thorough investigations" would examine all deaths caused by security forces, which have a reputation for slipshod investigations and for being too quick on the trigger.

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New York **Not afraid of needles**

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U.S. dismisses Iran uranium offer as a 'transparent ploy'

DIPLOMACY Iran's president warned the United States yesterday that it will miss a historic opportunity for co-operation if it turns down a nuclear fuel swap deal that Washington has dismissed as a ploy.

Differences over the deal — and the U.S. push for new sanctions over Iran's disputed nuclear program — have threatened to close the door on U.S. President Barack Obama's already fading policy of outreach to Tehran.

"There are people in the world who want to pit Mr. Obama against the Iranian nation and bring him to the point of no return, where the path to his friendship with Iran will be blocked forever," Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said during a rally.

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Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

The swap offer was negotiated last week by Brazil and Turkey, which are opposed to new UN sanctions on Iran. The United States quickly announced that it had won agreement from the other permanent members of the Security Council — Russia, China, Britain and France — as well as Germany on a draft resolution that would hit Iran with a fourth round of penalties for refusing to completely halt uranium enrichment. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday rejected the Iranian plan to swap some of its enriched uranium for reactor fuel as a "transparent ploy" to try to avoid new sanctions.

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Comment

Practise random acts of kindness

Relating

There seems to be something a bit futile in the scientific study of human relationships. Countless very smart people bring real scientific rigour to bear on the subject, but often attain no more insight than the average pop song or episode of Oprah.

This week's example: A study out of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, published in the June issue of Personal Relationships, suggests the key to happy coupledom may be simple gratitude.

Researchers studied 67 couples who had been together for at least three months and had each partner keep a nightly diary for two weeks, detailing favours they did for the other, as well as favours the other did for them along with their emotional responses.

These being real couples, the kindnesses that participants recorded went undetected almost half the time, but when they actually noticed and felt gratitude, there was a strong correlation with feelings of connectedness.

So there you go. Be nice to each other, don't take each other's niceness for granted and everything should be, uh, nice.

It may sound like the latest findings from the Centre for the Study of the Crashingly Obvious, but much of the research into relationships is aimed either at proving or disproving the folk wisdom we've been relying on for generations to keep the peace between us.

And this is far from the first study linking gratitude to a stronger relationship, and to happiness in general, a condition that seems most easily achieved by those who are in the habit of counting their blessings.

The researchers made a distinction between actual feelings of gratitude and a mere sense of indebtedness or obligation, which, while it will serve to keep a couple together, doesn't form the same Krazy Glue emotional bond between them.

The kindnesses, this study found, didn't have to be over-the-top: "Events such as one partner planning a celebratory meal when the other partner gets a promotion, taking the children to the zoo so the other partner can have some quiet time, or stopping to pick up the other partner's favourite coffee are each benefits to the recipient."

The glow from such small gestures, the study's authors said, lasted up to a day afterwards, and both partners benefited.

While these findings may not comprise an Earth-shaking development in relationship science, they are nonetheless heartening. Instead of racking your brain to find the perfect romantic gesture, it seems, you can do each other a lot of good with accumulated, habitual little kindnesses — and you could start right now.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Summer's four-letter word: The bikini

FourthWave

It's bikini season.

Two words certain to strike fear into the heart of pretty much any woman.

Being too skinny, too fat, too curvy or too insert-adjective-here has always been a tender topic. But we have tended to talk about body image as an issue for non-feminists — as in, how can feminists help women get over their hang-ups? — without talking about it in personal terms.

I should know — I cycle, run, practise yoga regularly, and look and feel good. But guess what? The idea of buying a bathing suit starts the engine of socially conditioned self-doubt — my thighs are too jiggly, my gut a bit too soft. And, all of sudden, I'm considering signing up for boot camp.

"The idea of buying a bathing suit starts the engine of socially conditioned self-doubt ..."

And it's not just me. Several friends (feminist, too!) have signed up for all manner of classes with flowery, pandering names like Flirtygirl Fabulously Firm or Booty-Camp. The only thing missing is a pink cosmopolitan after the workout.

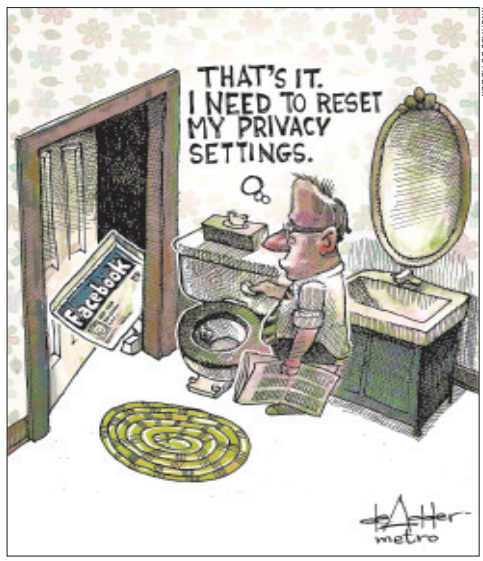
Am I betraying my feminist sensibilities? Magazine cover models are Photoshopped to hell. Being too skinny is unhealthy. I fear I'm perpetuating an artificially created standard for women by wanting to look a certain way.

My mind and body are at war.

Maybe I shouldn't be surprised. It's one thing to affirm in our heads that we're fine just the way we are, but it's another to know it in our hearts — and that's as true for feminist women as it is for women who would never define themselves using the F word.

Coming to terms with this may prove to be harder than any amount of pull-ups or push-ups.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.



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Romania to cut wages, pensions and benefits

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Agency wants BoC to hike rates now

ECONOMY The Bank of Canada should start raising interest rates immediately so the economy doesn't become overstimulated, says a leading international economic agency.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development predicted yesterday that Canada's economy will grow by 3.6 per cent this year and 3.2 per cent in 2011 — a more upbeat forecast than the last one released in November.

However, it added the pace of Canada's recovery is expected to moderate going forward as stimulus measures are withdrawn, manufacturers finish rebuilding inventories and households pay down debt.

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Rich nations bounce back

But risks remain, says OECD

Economic recovery in the world's richest countries is accelerating thanks to a "substantial" rebound in trade and growth in Asia, but austerity measures are needed to reduce government deficits, a leading agency said yesterday.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, a watchdog for 31 of the world's most developed countries, said the current environment is "relatively auspicious" but faced with serious risks.

Those include Europe's sovereign debt crisis and a possible boom-bust scenario in emerging markets such as Brazil, India and China — which have been growing much faster than the more developed OECD economies.

"The period of significant financial instability that began in August 2007 is not yet over," the OECD warned in its latest biannual Economic Outlook.

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Forecast

- The Paris-based OECD raised its forecasts for economic growth in its member countries — which includes Canada — to 2.7 per cent this year, up from 1.9 per cent last November.

Thailand **Malls reopen**

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A worker cleans outside Siam Paragon shopping mall yesterday in Bangkok, Thailand. Retail-starved Thais trickled back into Bangkok's glitziest shopping district as malls shuttered for weeks by anti-government protests reopened for business, minus one landmark torched in last week's violent end to the demonstrations. CentralWorld, a ritzy shopping mall, was partially burned to the ground.

Court orders end to Air India strike

AIRLINES Air India employees called off a two-day strike that grounded more than 100 flights after an Indian court ordered them to return to work yesterday. The union leaders who spearheaded the strike over delayed pay and an order not to talk to reporters have been fired, a spokesman said. Analysts say the strike reflects a deepening crisis within Air India, which lost an estimated $1 billion last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Banks in EU face rescue levies

Banks should pay a levy to help prevent future bail-outs and shield taxpayers from the burden of multi-billion-euro rescues, the European Union's top financial chief proposed yesterday.

EU Financial Services Commissioner Michel Barnier said yesterday it is "not acceptable" that taxpayers should pay for costs that should be borne by banks. He suggested banks should pay a charge toward a fund in their country that would help pay for the costs of unwinding a bank on the edge of collapse. Such costs can include financing for bridging loans, transferring assets, creating a "bad bank" to take on problem assets and paying for lawyers, administrators and advisers.

The EU's proposed levy would not pay directly to bail out or rescue banks from bankruptcy. Rather, it would pay for the creation of a "resolution fund" and rules to handle bank insolvency may allow troubled banks to seek help at an earlier stage and avoid the need for state help to keep them afloat.

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Fees

- European countries are separately working on bank levies to help pay for bailouts. Sweden set one up in 2008, requiring its 150 financial institutions to pay annual fees of some 0.018 per cent of their liabilities.
- Germany is also considering a similar program to raise up to €1.2 billion a year to pay for financial rescues.

Business in brief

EMPLOYMENT Non-farm payroll employment rose by 30,100 in March, bringing total gains since the start of the upward trend in August 2009 to 115,700, or 0.8 per cent. Statistics Canada reports employment rose for a fourth month in manufacturing, increasing by 6,100. Construction (up 5,600) and mining, oil and gas extraction (up 3,900) also had gains. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Germany **Bitter brew**

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Authorities in Munich, Germany, say the price of beer will rise by nearly 2.5 per cent at Oktoberfest this year — but the annual price hike is less frothy than in 2009. Information from beer tent owners shows that the traditional two-pint mug will set revellers back an average €8.65 ($11.25) at this year's event.

BMO posts $745M profit

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Vikings' Allen looses mullet

Jared Allen has cut his mullet. The all-pro defensive end for the Minnesota Vikings showed off his new trim in a video and photo posted this week on the team's website. Allen also wrote an update Tuesday on his Twitter feed, confirming he got the cut for his upcoming wedding. Allen said the mullet is not "just some hair" but "a lifestyle!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

IndyCars may get new look

The IndyCar Series may be going futuristic by 2012. Drivers could be racing cars that look more like landspeeders from Star Wars or something that looks like it came out of Batman or Speed Racer. A committee is reviewing the new designs, including the Delta Wing concept car at left, and five manufacturers are vying to build the next generation of IndyCars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dorsey latest to join Argos' QB collection

"Coach is going to put in who he feels is going to win football games."
Ken Dorsey

CFL Former University of Miami star Ken Dorsey is the latest Toronto Argonauts quarterback signing, bringing to five the number who will compete for the starting job.

"It truly is a fresh start," Dorsey, who will be returning to professional football after a year on the sidelines, said in an interview from Florida yesterday afternoon.

A two-time Heisman Trophy finalist who led the Hurricanes to the U.S. college football national championship in 2001, Dorsey spent time in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers and in Cleveland before being released by the Browns in February 2009.

"He just brings a lot to the table that we're going to take a look at," Argos head coach Jim Barker said of Dorsey.

Dorsey, a 29-year-old native of California, joins quarterbacks Gibran Hamdan, Cleo Lemon, Dalton Bell and Danny Brannagan on the Argos roster. All five will report next week for rookie camp.

"I've been in a lot of situations where they say this is an open quarterback competition and the best player's going to play and all that stuff but it's actually legitimate in this case," Dorsey said of the unusual five-player battle for the No. 1 job in Toronto.

Dorsey said he was working out throwing passes ahead of the pre-draft CFL combine when it was suggested he contact the Argos about their quarterback job, which he did.

"Coach is going to put in who he feels is going to win football games. And he means it," said Dorsey, who has been helping coach a high school team in Florida while staying in shape and looking for another shot. "That's what's so exciting about this opportunity."

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Toronto Blue Jay Jose Bautista dives out of the way of a close pitch in front of Los Angeles Angels catcher Mike Napoli last night in Anaheim, Calif. The Angels won 6-5.

Angels edge Jays

MLB RESULTS

Blue Jays 5 Angels 6

Bobby Abreu hit an opposite-field RBI single with two out in the ninth inning, atoning for an error that led to the tying run in the top half, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5 last night.

Mike Napoli led off the inning with a double to left-centre against Scott Downs (1-4), who retired Maicer Izturis on a grounder to the first base as Napoli took third. After intentionally loading the bases, Downs got Howie Kendrick to ground into a force at the plate with the infield in.

But Abreu worked the count to 2-2 and slapped the next pitch to left field. The run snapped a scoreless string of 13⅔ innings by Downs, the longest by a Blue Jays reliever this season.

Blue Jays starter Brandon Morrow allowed three runs, three hits and four walks while striking out six in five innings. He was replaced by Rommie Lewis, who faced only two batters. Switch-hitting Kendry Morales greeted the rookie left-hander with a single and Hideki Matsui drove his sixth home run far back into the right-field seats to give the Angels a 5-3 lead.

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Whitecaps' defeat means TFC will represent Canada

SOCCER The Montreal Impact eliminated the Vancouver Whitecaps from contention in the Nutrilite Canadian Championship for a second consecutive year by playing them to a 1-1 draw last night in Montreal.

The result gives Toronto FC the Canadian bid at the three-year-old tournament for a second year in a row.

Whitecaps midfielder Ansu Toure broke a scoreless draw in the 50th minute in front of 10,959 fans at Saputo Stadium, but the Impact responded on a goal by Philippe Billy in the 62nd minute.

The Whitecaps needed a victory to remain alive in the tournament, but the draw means Vancouver will remain the only Canadian club never to have played in the CONCACAF Champions League.

Toronto will face Honduran club Motagua in the Champions League preliminary round between July 27 and 29, with the return leg to be held a week later. It has not yet been determined who will host the opening leg of the aggregate-goals series.

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Sports in brief

HOCKEY The hockey sweater worn during one of Canada's greatest sporting moments is on the auction block. Paul Henderson wore the scuffed-up, stick-marked jersey when he buried the winning goal in the 1972 Summit Series against the former Soviet Union. The president of a Montreal-area auction house says Henderson's jersey could be the most valuable piece of hockey memorabilia of all time. Classic Auctions president Marc Juteau expects the heavy-knit artifact to fetch more than a Bobby Orr rookie sweater that was recently auctioned off for nearly $200,000.

BASEBALL A judge approved a multimillion-dollar Major League Baseball loan yesterday to keep the Texas Rangers afloat during bankruptcy proceedings, raising hopes that the team's stalled $575 million US sale may happen this summer. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge D. Michael Lynn set a mid-June hearing on the Rangers' plan to pay the $75 million of the club's debt tied up in owner Tom Hicks' financially strapped ownership group.

NHL Flyers goalie Brian Boucher returned to practice after suffering a knee injury and hopes he can back up Michael Leighton in the Stanley Cup final. Boucher was Philadelphia's post-season starter until he sprained a ligament in his left knee in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

CYCLING The International Cycling Union has asked its national members in four countries — including Canada — to investigate riders and officials based on claims of doping made by Floyd Landis. The UCI said that ordering the probes did not "in any way" imply it believes Landis' accusations. Canada's Michael Barry was one of the riders named by the UCI. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sens re-sign Brodeur
The Ottawa Senators re-signed goaltender Mike Brodeur to a one-year contract yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rain doesn't slow Federer in France

Roger Federer sat under a courtside umbrella and looked up at the grey sky as rain fell.

Tennis, anyone? With drizzle continuing after a one-hour delay, Federer rose from his chair, removed his warmup jacket and went back to work.

A change in the weather yesterday at the French Open barely slowed Federer, who eliminated Alejandro Falla 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4. The No. 1-ranked Federer calmly endured two weather delays to reach the third round.

"This is how this game has been played for decades," he said. "We're used to walking on and off the court and being flexible about these kind of things."

After three days of warm sunshine, conditions were damp and cool for the start of Round 2. There was a third delay of 90 minutes after Federer finished.

Before the rain, No. 2-seeded Venus Williams used her big serve to beat Arantxa Parra Santonja 6-2, 6-4. Williams whiffed on a forehand and was often bested in long rallies, but serves at up to 128 mph kept her in control, and she was never broken.

"On the bigger points, especially on my serve, I thought I played those really well," Williams said. "I think that was key."

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Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates yesterday during his men's singles second-round match against Alejandro Falla of Colombia at the French Open in Paris.

CFL and players reach tentative deal on new CBA

FOOTBALL The CFL and its players' association have reached a tentative deal on a new collective bargaining agreement, avoiding a potential lockout this season.

The deal still needs to be ratified by the players and the league's board of governors.

The current deal expires at the end of the month. With negotiations not going well, there had been talk in the off-season of a possible lockout.

According to a statement from the CFL yesterday, the new agreement includes a drug testing policy but no details will be released until the deal is ratified.

No other details from the agreement were released in the statement.

"By agreement of the parties, there will be no further comment on any of the terms of the new collective bargaining agreement until the ratification process is complete," the statement said.

The ratification vote will take place prior to the start of the 2010 season on July 1.

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Fired Cavs coach makes first statement

Fired Cleveland coach Mike Brown called his five years with the Cavaliers an "exceptional experience." Brown, who has not publicly commented since his dismissal, issued a statement through the team yesterday in which he thanked the Cavs for the opportunity to coach in Cleveland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No cruise control for Nash

Suns guard taking his bumps and bruises in search of NBA glory

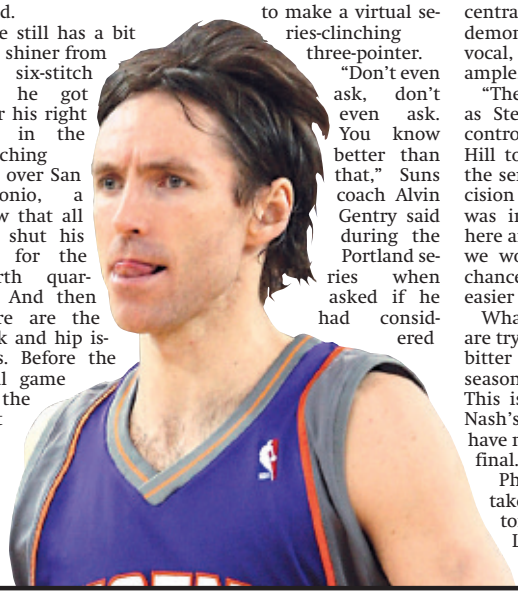
Having survived a nasty cut over his right eye, a broken nose that required surgery — after he couldn't fix it himself while dribbling up the court — and an old nemesis in the San Antonio Spurs, the question becomes whether Steve Nash can avoid any other setbacks as he pursues the ultimate basketball goal.

Nash may be just two games away from exorcising demons that have plagued him for more than half a decade, but you can excuse him and the rest of what's known as Planet Orange around the Phoenix Suns for experiencing a slight measure of trepidation and dread. After all, you wonder how much Nash can endure.

As Nash chases his first berth in the NBA Finals, he is playing with a broken nose courtesy of Lakers guard Derek Fisher, an injury that was surgically repaired after practice the day between Games 3 and 4. The bumps he took in Game 4 didn't help — the 36-year-old was knocked to the court a couple times, shook his head, checked his nose and got on with the business at hand.

He still has a bit of a shiner from the six-stitch cut he got over his right eye in the clinching win over San Antonio, a blow that all but shut his eye for the fourth quarter. And then there are the back and hip issues. Before the final game of the first round against Portland, Nash was held out of practice because of the pain. He began that game by committing seven turnovers and missing his only two shots, but shook it off and was on the court to make a virtual series-clinching three-pointer.

"Don't even ask, don't even ask. You know better than that," Suns coach Alvin Gentry said during the Portland series when asked if he had considered sitting out Nash for the deciding game. "If Steve can play then Steve will play."



Steve Nash

While other Suns have contributed to the 2-2 tie with the heavily favoured Los Angeles Lakers, Nash's leadership abilities are central. He may not be demonstrative or overly vocal, but he leads by example.

"There is no such thing as Steve Nash on cruise control," teammate Grant Hill told NBA.com before the series. "Part of my decision to come back here was in knowing he was here and that would mean we would always have a chance. He never takes the easier path."

What Nash and the Suns are trying to overcome are bitter memories of post-season disappointments. This is the third time in Nash's tenure the Suns have made the conference final.

Phoenix will look to take the series lead in tonight's Game 5 in Los Angeles.

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Olympic teammates Toews and Richards to square off

HOCKEY Jonathan Toews and Mike Richards skated on the same line, sported the same jersey and shared a purpose during Canada's pressure-filled run to a gold medal at the Vancouver Olympics.

Playing in their own country where hockey is king, the expectations immense, made the reward even more gratifying for the two young stars.

A few months later, they have a rare chance at a hockey double, a chance to add a Stanley Cup to their gold medal. This time they are on opposite sides, with Toews and the Blackhawks looking to win the franchise's first championship since 1961 and Richards leading the Flyers back to the finals for the first time in 13 years.

The two young captains — Toews at 22, Richards at 25 — are former first-round draft picks whose teams follow their example and their play. But what they do for their teams goes well beyond finding the back of the net with the puck. They can get dirty in the corners or near the crease, check another team's scoring threat or thread a precise pass to set up a teammate.

"I'd say he's a little more physical player than I am," Toews said of Richards.

"He likes to go for the big hits. But, yeah, he's a competitive guy, a heart-and-soul guy that doesn't take the easy way. He works for every bounce he gets."

Toews and Richards aren't the only players who could win a gold medal and get to carry around the Stanley Cup this year.

Chicago's defensive tandem of Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook and Flyers defenceman Chris Pronger also helped Canada win the gold. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scoring threats

- Jonathan Toews and Mike Richards are 1-2 in playoff scoring this year. Toews has put up 26 points with seven goals and 19 assists and has a point in a club-record 13 straight playoff games. Richards has 21 points, six goals and 15 assists.

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As one of Toronto's oldest suburbs, Rosedale's pedigree is hard to question. It's also a highly affluent neighbourhood situated on three ravines in the heart of mid-town making it hugely popular place to live — if you have the money to do so.

Strong schools throughout the area draw plenty of families and the trendy shops along Yonge Street pull in diners looking for a new level of cuisine and home decorators hoping to track down that unique, exquisite centrepiece for a room.

Gorgeous houses, expensive cars and upscale shops are all part of the mix but so are backpack-toting kids walking to school and sandal-wearing locals grabbing a cup of coffee. While Rosedale may be one of Toronto's richest neighbourhoods, it's also surprisingly down-to-earth and relaxed as well. Beautiful ravines, quiet streets that are generally free of cars and a wealth of trees, parks and other greenery make it easy to think you're walking through a small town far out of the city instead of a neighbourhood just minutes from Yonge & Bloor.

Legend

- 1: Brown Junior Public School
- 2: De La Salle College Catholic School
- 3: St. Michael's Cemetery
- 4: St. Clair Subway Station
- 5: The York School
- 6: Summerhill Park
- 7: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School
- 8: Moore Park Ravine
- 9: Whitney Public School
- 10: Don Valley Brickworks Park
- 11: Castle Frank Subway Station
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- 13: Couture by Monarch (condo)
- 14: Jesse Ketchum Public School
- 15: Four Seasons Private Residences by Menkes (cond)
- 16: The Toronto Reference Library
- 17: Milan by Conservatory Group (condo)
- 18: Rosedale Junior Public School
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- 20: Rosedale Subway Station
- 21: Ramsden Park
- 22: Cottingham Junior Public School
- 23: Summerhill Subway Station

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Homes you'll see: Primarily single-family detached dwellings with a wide variety of designs and styles visible, particularly since many homes have been, and frequently still are, renovated lavishly. The many trees and labyrinthine streets make the area generally free of noise and traffic despite being located a stone's throw from downtown.

Bargain spot: Homes are often cheaper west of Yonge, away from the main ravines. There are occasional fixer-upper homes to buy in the area for substantially less than the average price, but keep in mind they'll often require a lot of renovation.

Landmarks: Don Valley Brickworks Park is a starting point for walkers and bikers ready to set out on the areas extensive trails that wind their way throughout the entirety of Rosedale and there are many well-maintained parks in the area. St. Michael's Cemetery in the northwest is a tranquil treat if you can get in — 10 acres of peaceful land hidden by skyscrapers and closed to the public but accessible by private gates if you can get to know some of the owners.

Hot spots: Caffe Doria (1094 Yonge St.) has plenty of charm and great gourmet food if you want to have a Panini with your cappuccino. The Rosedale Diner (1164 Yonge St.) is an old-school diner with a great local feel and some killer gourmet twists on traditional dishes. Try the lamb burger with mint-cumin yogurt for a unique afternoon tummy-filler.

Education: Rosedale Heights Secondary School (711 Bloor St. E.), The York School (1320 Yonge St.), Brown Junior Public School (454 Avenue Rd), De La Salle College Catholic School (131 Farnham Ave.), Jesse Ketchum Public School (61 Davenport Rd), Cottigham Junior Public School (85 Birch Ave.), Rosedale Junior Public School (22 South Drive), Whitney Public School (119 Rosedale Heights Dr.), Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School (1 Garfield Ave.)

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Hefty sum for a life in Rosedale
According to the 2006 Canadian census, Rosedale has 7,672 residents. Average income is $213,941, one of the highest incomes in all Toronto neighbourhoods, according to the census. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rosedale: Independent all the way

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Rosedale has resisted the charms of the big-box chain stores and its streets are lined with independent businesses — and that's just the way area business owners (also husband and wife team) Andrew Dymecki and Kathryn Botsford like it.

Kathryn Botsford's home, including her bathroom, used to be stuffed with refurbished furniture and collectables.

"My passion had gone crazy," she jokes. It was time to fulfil a dream and go into business.

Along with her now husband, Andrew Dymecki, Botsford chose a location on Yonge Street — near the Rosedale subway station — and Belle Epoque was born 16 years ago. The store specializes in what Kathryn calls "Euro pop" — think Louis XVI meets Andy Warhol. There's the French traditional chair with a hot pink seat, a baroque mirror painted a dazzling white, an English-style button-tufted sofa in gold lamé, and coloured hanging drum lights covered in goose feathers.

In some ways, the shop is a microcosm of the neighbourhood — a mixture of old family businesses and newer, colourful establishments. It fits in perfectly with other numerous home decor and antique stores in the area.

Despite being surrounded by million-dollar homes, these and other area businesses are not "snobby" Dymecki insists, adding that local proprietors work long, hard hours.

"Every store has a story," says Dymecki. He points out the first Roots shop, now renovated and home to J. F. Brennan Design. The piano store, Paul Hahn & Co., has been in the area since 1913.

"During the Olympics, they brought a piano onto the street and started playing O Canada, filling onlookers with pride," says Dymecki. "It was a scene from the 1940s when there was a more romantic view of the world."

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Andrew Dymecki on Paul Hahn & Co.
(a Rosedale piano store)

The old Rainbow Room, reputed to draw the likes of Carol Pope and David Bowie in the '60s and '70s, has morphed into the fashionable Philosophy hair design.

"I'm so glad that this neighbourhood hasn't succumbed to massive chain store invasion like so many other Toronto neighbourhoods," Dymecki says.

There's a definite international flavour here. Le Petit Gourmet, for example, is a great place to pick up a croissant or crème brulee, while for lunch Dymecki often finds a seat at Café Doria, a bustling Italian eatery.

On the way home, he might pick up rib eye steaks to barbecue from Olliffe then choose his favorite Cline Zinfandel California wine at the historic LCBO, a converted railway station. Coco & Jules and French Country are two of Dymecki's favourite spots to buy gifts; one recent purchase was a mother-of-pearl bracelet for Botsford.

Just down the street from the couple's shop is Ramsden Park, home of the annual Maple Leafs outdoor hockey practice, sure to draw a throng of spectators. In summer, it's a beautiful spot for Botsford or Dymecki to bring their dogs and enjoy the greenery or smell the roses. This is, after all, Rosedale.

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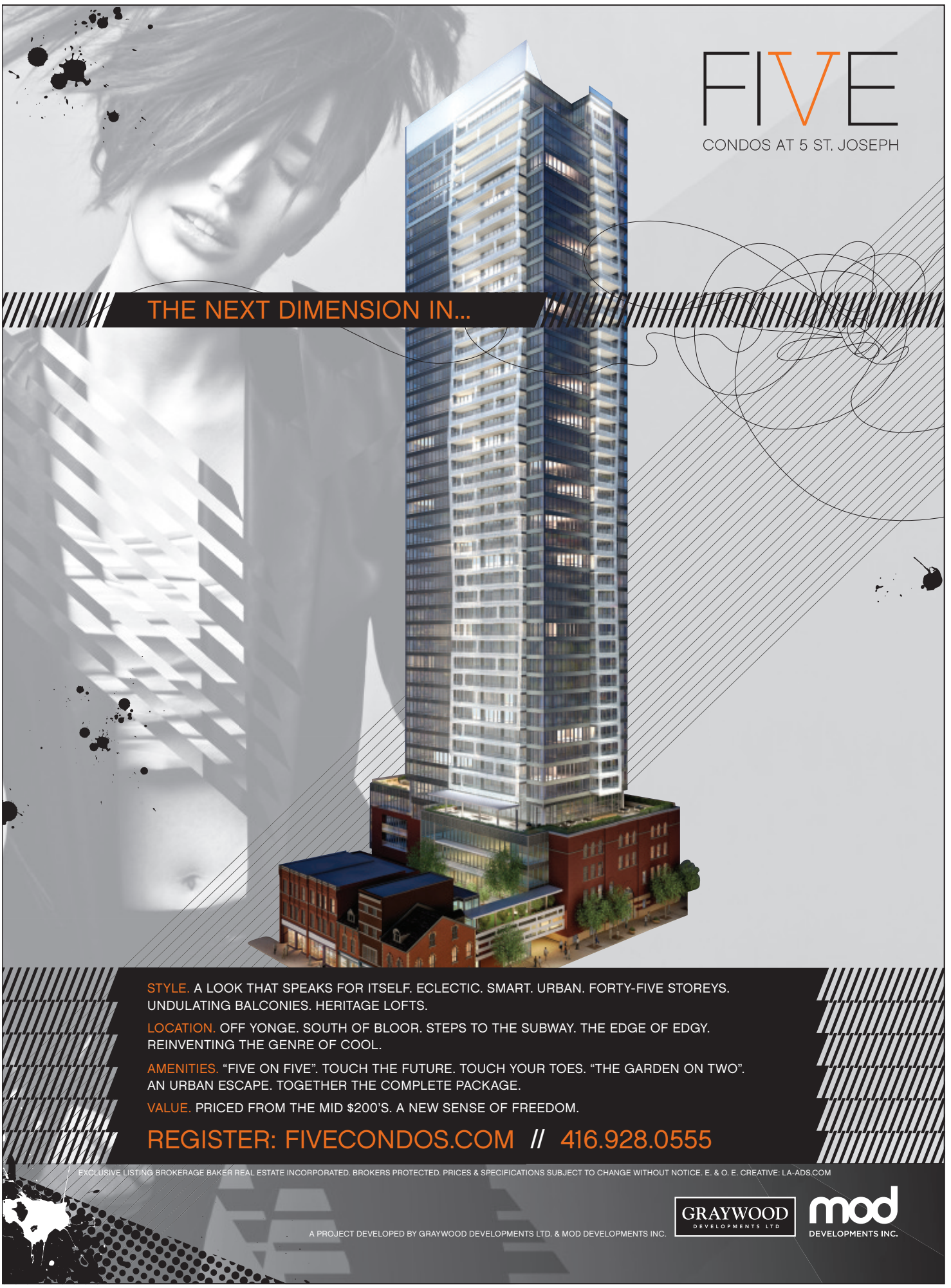

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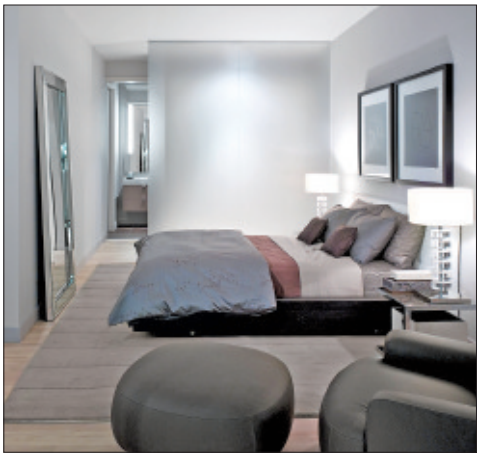

Though the Thompson Residences model suite is understated, it expresses a certain stylish elegance.

Muted tones and a comforting mix of old and new create a space that feels almost like a dream at Thompson Residences.

Designer Diego Burdi drew upon modern simplicity for the model suite at the central King West development located near King & Bathurst to present a suite that brims with possibility.

"We wanted to create a very classic, modern feel to the space so we played with a tonality that was very muted. The whole space is quite open so we tried to show the user you can do a lot with a large volume and we picked a colour palette that even for standard finishes could look very elegant," Burdi said.

The final look includes muted chocolate browns and oyster-shaded walls set against bluish-grey accent tones to give the space a stylish elegance that feels tastefully understated. Burdi wanted to ensure the overall tone of the suite allowed for a mix of furniture since most people bring a variety of items with differing styles into a new home, so he deliberately added pieces like the wooden dining chairs to show that not everything in the space has to look like it came out of a catalogue.

"I wanted to get different pieces into the space so we played with old and new to show the end user that their lifestyle could live in it quite nicely. I didn't want it to feel like it was all designed at once," Burdi said.

The bedroom goes for an ultra-modern look that still remains playful and hints back at earlier design eras with the vintage metal end tables and modern-styled comfy chair with a soft ottoman. A large mirror gives more depth to the room as well and overall, Burdi says, the ultimate goal was to meld different design elements, materials and tones to create a dreamlike feel that maximizes the visual volume of the 900-sq.-ft. model unit.

"You're seeing a lot of layering of material in the space and an eclectic use of furniture because our goal here is aspirational. We're trying to create a dream that shows the possibilities of the space and we wanted to make the whole space feel as one, so it has that unity going through it," Burdi said.

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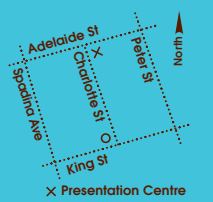

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Simple, balanced, clean, classic, uncluttered.

Modern design, which revolves around simplistic and unique decor that flows easily and orderly from room to room, typically involves these key traits.

Toronto interior designer Renee Shostack says modern design begins with the shell.

"If you have a house that has blue carpeting or wallpaper, you are never going to get a modern look," says Shostack, whose company, The Added Touch, specializes in transforming homes into modern Meccas.

Shostack says home owners must begin with paint and floor colours that are consistent throughout.

"You can't change floors — tile here, wood here. You have to have one universal, solid look."

Modern doesn't necessarily mean white floor to ceiling, although all-white art galleries are common, as the perfect background for contemporary art. Limit colours and emphasize white, greys and black — or choose one accent colour and stick to it.

Avoid flowery and wooden designs and stay away from heavy pieces. Seek clean and uncluttered.

"Modern to me is everything in its place," Shostack said. "Even with accessories, there has to be a place for everything. You can't just put things out. There must be the proper contrast colour-wise, shape-wise, placement-wise."

Shostack believes a modern space enables feelings of serenity and fosters creativity.

"Busy (decor) can cause feelings of being disjointed. Throw out a lot of crap you don't need. But keep the pieces that you love and can incorporate eventually."

The **Chelsea Leather Bed** makes a statement of classic modernity, mixed with ample helpings of comfort. The solid frame is covered from head (board) to foot in bycast leather. The padded headboard makes reading or breakfast in bed comfortable. White, brown or black. Urban Barn, Queen $1,199; King $1,399, urbanbarn.com.

Cool down this summer with the transparent **Thilde Coffee Table** ($549) and **Side Table** ($399). Made from tempered glass, their soft lines and cool surfaces are a winning combination of icy minimalism and urban chic. Urban Barn, urbanbarn.com.

Perfect for reading, watching TV or taking a nap, the **Ericson Leather Chaise** provides lots of cushioning and reclines too. Top-grain split leather in black with stainless steel legs and German mechanism for back adjustment. Urban Barn, $1,499, urbanbarn.com.

The **Meryl Floor Lamp** goes over and above modern expectations, suspending a geometric two-tier shade in crisp white cotton blend from a satin nickel-finished arch. A round grey marble base adds a classic touch. Crate & Barrel, $349.95, crateandbarrel.com.

The **Parker Spirits Cabinet's** two bar-top leaves flip open to perch drinks and snacks, while revealing generous bottle storage. Front door drops down to create an open serving area. Crate & Barrel, $329, crateandbarrel.com.

Enhance cocktail hour with the sleek and sculptural **Martini Side Table,** with a fluid shape and pedestal base. Hollow and lightweight, it is easy to move around, while white and persimmon are powder coated for longevity outdoors. West Elm, $159, westelm.com.

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Quick tips for a laundry room makeover

HOME RENO Gone are the days when the laundry room was tucked in a dark, dusty corner of the basement. Today's busy families are creating functional, beautiful utility rooms that make doing chores like folding and ironing clothes enjoyable and even relaxing. But if you're thinking about redoing your space, where do you start? Delta Faucet offers the following tips to help you create a laundry room you'll relish spending time in.

Think colour

Traditional laundry rooms had bland, white walls and no personality. But how much more relaxing would ironing countless shirts be if the space was serene and inspiring? Patterned wallpaper can hide imperfections and add a bundle of personality. Tiles are ideal for a laundry room — think wet, dirty clothes on the floor — but don't be afraid to choose something bright and make the floor a focal point. A mosaic tile floor? Why not?

Function is fabulous

Make the most out of your laundry room by building in a work space. Place a countertop over front-loading appliances to make the perfect folding station. Open shelving to house your detergent keeps them close by. Why not add a touch of elegance by storing your most-used items in glass jars, ceramic canisters or baskets? NEWS CANADA

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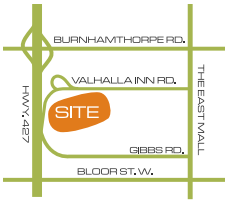

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Host the perfect SATC2 party

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DecorMoment

It is a very exciting night for fashionistas as the movie Sex and the City 2 debuts in North American theatres. My prediction is that the movie will be this summer's biggest style influence for fashion and decor!

The inspiration starts when characters Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte head off to Abu Dhabi for some fun and frolicking. The glamorous wardrobe and stylish hotels and restaurants are truly inspiring. I plan on celebrating the debut over the weekend in real SATC style by hosting a party. Are you celebrating? If you're planning a party too, here are a few elements to incorporate:

Dress code: For the ladies it's all about updated 1970s glamour; think wide pants, chiffon blouses and silk bandanas. It's reported that $1.8 million was spent on wardrobing this movie.

I'm betting that wardrobe will be imitated for the hottest summer looks. The Halston-Heritage stretch jersey white cocktail dress ($375) is a must-have if you are hosting a Sex and the City party. Carrie Bradshaw (played by Sarah Jessica Parker) flaunts the dress in the movie and on the movie's poster.

The Halston-Heritage collection is available in Canada only at 18 selected Bay stores.

For male guests, the look is Calvin Klein meets Arabian knight; pale-coloured drawstring linen pants and baggy shirts; a silk or linen scarf, sandals and if daring, a tie-dyed turban and a smear of eyeliner! Your local Le Chateau store will have everything you need to get this look at an affordable price. I suggest buying one size up from what you would normally purchase in clothing; the baggier the clothes the better you will pull off this desert fashion look.

Decor: Think ethnic, exotic and Indian/Moroccan inspired home accessories. The place to go is your local Pier 1 store as their summer selection is ripe for the picking at this time with exotic-inspired merchandise in stock; my favourite is the Pagoda Outdoor Umbrella for $169 (pier1.com). Everything from Moroccan lanterns, bright fabrics and fancy umbrellas in colours of orange, turquoise and green will transform your balcony or deck into an exotic getaway for the party.

Music: The movie's Sex and the City Original Soundtrack is a fantastic lineup of familiar girl-power songs sung by new and established artists. Warn your neighbours about the music as it's a collection of old favorites (like Liza Minnelli singing Beyonce's Single Ladies) that will make you want to crank up the volume.

This exotic party will be just what I need to get me in the mood to go see this must-see movie.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home; no matter what your budget or style.

And for the food...

- Nothing will set a more decadent tone at my party than fruit, chocolate and champagne.
- A simple and fabulous-looking snack is fresh fruit kabobs: chunks of fresh pineapple, kiwi and cantaloupe are marinated in Grand Marnier, then put on skewers and displayed on large platters of shaved ice.
- The Sex And The City chocolate collection from Laura Secord features Champagne truffles, white chocolate raspberry truffles, 70 per cent coca truffles, Dulce de leche truffles and cappuccino truffles. The bright pink boxes scream glamour and the small box containing four special chocolates ($10) will make fabulous take-away gifts.

Metro columnist Karl Lohnes writes about everything you'll need for your very own Sex and the City 2 party — poster above.

About to sign, but still have some mortgage questions?

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Q I am in the process of negotiating a mortgage on my new home and I am confused by some of the terms that are being bandied about. Specifically, my broker is questioning whether I want a closed versus an open mortgage and if I want flexible versus a fixed rate. Can you provide some clarity on these terms?

A Let me start by saying that there are tons of very qualified mortgage brokers and banking officers whose job it is to educate their clients about just such terms. That being said, I don't mind clarifying these terms for you as it is vital that you know the difference and are an informed consumer.

Basically, a fixed-rate mortgage is a mortgage that has a stated mortgage rate and based upon the frequency of your payments (monthly, bi-monthly, bi-weekly or weekly) you will know exactly what your mortgage payments are over the term of your mortgage. This allows for greater certainty and you can therefore properly budget your household cash flow.

A variable rate mortgage is a mortgage that is hooked to the prime rate of your financial institution, which in turn is based upon the Bank of Canada's set interest rate. Over the past few years, the Bank rate has been historically low in order to promote spending in the economy. As the prime rate moves, so too will your mortgage rate and the payments that you have to make, based again on the frequency of your payments.

Closed mortgages are the norm, being a loan secured against your home for a certain time period. If you want to change to a mortgage company that may be offering a better interest rate before the end of your fixed term, you will generally be subject to a penalty. Before "jumping ship," you should investigate what that penalty might be. In the past, the penalty was usually the amount you would pay in interest to the financial institution over a three-month period.

However, lately mortgage lenders who have clients who want to switch their mortgages are opting for a penalty that is known as the interest rate differential (IRD). This IRD is generally the amount of interest the financial institution would have made if the full term of the mortgage had been paid. This can represent huge sums of money ($20,000 to $30,000 is not unheard of).

Open mortgages are just that. You can pay them off and out at any time with no interest or penalty.

What is important is that you are fully aware of what you are buying into when you sign on the dotted line. Knowing what these and other mortgage terms mean to you is very important. An informed consumer is a forewarned consumer.

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Get the most out of patio furniture

HomeScape
Sylvia Putz

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You've probably dragged your outdoor furniture outside by now, and hopefully, you're sitting on it.

Or are you still wiping off spiderwebs, and trying to scrub off traces of last summers' barbeques?

If so, you may need some pointers on how to look after your outdoor furniture.

Outdoor cushions should be covered with weather-resistant fabrics, such as woven acrylic, vinyl or cushions coated with PVC.

Try car wax to bring back aluminum furniture's shine.

Summer care

• Aluminum furniture can get dull, so wash with soap and water.

• To avoid rusty painted metal furniture, which can permanently stain cement, wooden decking and stonework, touch up chips or cracks promptly.

• Cedar or teak contains natural oils which protect the wood from deteriorating in wet conditions. To maintain the golden colour of a "new wood", use a wood protector. If the wood is left untreated, it will turn a well-aged pale silver over time, which can look lovely in the right setting.

• Outdoor cushions should be covered with weather-resistant fabrics, such as woven acrylic, vinyl.

• If you've got loungers with plastic strips, or plastic cushions, a combination of sun, sunscreen, chlorine (if you've got a pool or hot tub), and natural body oils can cause the plastic to deteriorate. Wipe down periodically, and supply towels to act as a barrier.

• Promptly clean spills or bird poop.

• If you notice rusting screws or bolts, remove and replace with galvanized versions.

• Use silicone-based lubricants on wheels and hinges, as oil will attract dirt.

• Most furniture should be washed with soap and water. Take care not to use abrasives with plastic or painted metal furniture.

The Hard Stuff

Natural wicker, bamboo or wood is beautiful but requires a little extra care.

• Remove winter dust and dirt by wiping with a cloth moistened with water and soap. Wipe it down again with plain water. Do not soak.

• Let it dry thoroughly before using or storing it.

• If your wicker has a layer of shellac or varnish, you may reapply it, or you may use lemon oil furniture polish on unfinished wicker.

• If fibres start to fray, you may sand it lightly to remove fuzziness.

• You may spray-paint natural wicker. Two coats of matt paint is recommended.

For when old man winter comes back:

• Plastic and aluminum furniture can tolerate winter conditions, but they'll live longer, and be cleaner if securely covered or stored indoors.

• Painted metal furniture needs to be protected from moisture so it doesn't rust.

• Wicker is damaged if left outside unprotected over the winter. Store indoors under a breathable dustcover.

• Wood furniture does best if stored inside over the winter. If it is heavy, it can be left outdoors if it is covered with "breathable" plastic (poke a few holes in it for ventilation) and left in a protected location, such as on a covered porch, for example. Use plastic underneath it as well.

• Pillows or cushions covered with weather-resistant coverings must be stored inside in the winter, and in a place where they are dry and adequately ventilated.

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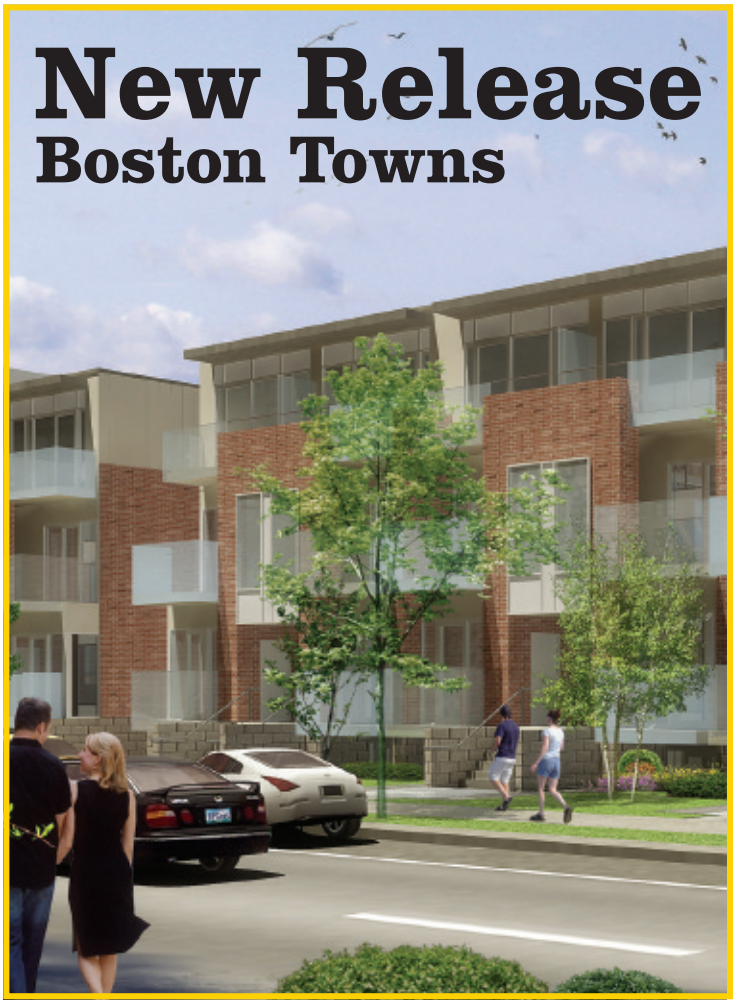

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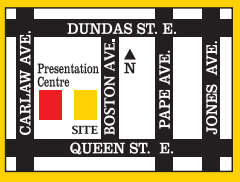

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"At Daniels we know that purchasing a new home is one of the biggest decisions you'll ever make, and with our FirstHome™ Communities, we work hard to make the process of homeownership easy and affordable," says Daniels' Vice President Don Pugh. "For starters, we actually build these value-packed homes BEFORE we offer them for sale. This means new home buyers are able to tour a model of each of the eight home designs and see, touch and feel which layout best suits their lifestyle needs - plus, they can move-in as early as 30, 60 or 90 days."

Pugh explains that with FirstHome™ Communities, Daniels is committed to removing the road blocks on the pathway to homeownership, which often include financial obstacles. "We work diligently with financial institutions to make qualifying for a mortgage more accessible and offer innovative programs that result in a more achievable deposit structure. Plus, we even develop special lifestyle incentives that help to keep monthly carrying costs down."

There has been an overwhelming response to FirstHome™ Brampton. In fact, thousands have already registered to find out how they can realize their dream of homeownership this SUMMER. Already well under construction, this exciting new community will offer a limited collection of 150 fully-built one- and two-storey condominium townhomes featuring one, two and three bedroom designs priced from an incredible $159,900!

Over the past two decades, The Daniels Corporation has emerged as one of Canada's pre-eminent builder-developers, with a reputation for quality and integrity in all forms of residential construction. Daniels has built more than 18,000 homes and apartments in a diverse range of award-winning communities and FirstHome™ Brampton will mark their 8th FirstHome™ Community within the Greater Toronto Area.

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Marble coming back in a big way

According to design experts, most yuppie trendsetters these days are not remodelling their bathrooms on the basis of resale value.

The new attitude seems to be "why relocate when you can renovate." This trend, as a result, has sparked a new movement towards personalized luxurious and sensuous bathroom spaces.

In these uncertain economic times, families are choosing to travel less and spend more time at home, according to Nancy Soccio, designer of Dolce Design in Montreal.

"The trend is towards recreating that spa-like experience they had when they travelled abroad in the form of a chic, zen-like ambiance for their new bathroom home spa."

In response to this new reality, home renovators are now gravitating towards luxurious surround enclosure multi-body-spray and steam shower units and therapeutic air jet baths. Soccio said consumers are choosing stone floor tiles and other natural, luxurious design materials to realize this trend.

"It's very exciting to finally be able to use marble on vertical surfaces with confidence."
Andrew Pike

"Opulence in the bathroom is the new fashion, as polished nickel chrome, cut crystal and a return to sophisticated new generation marble is creating a visual awakening that's fueling the movement."

How can marble return when this timeless, luxurious surface didn't really go anywhere? Designers mention that regular "first generation" marble tile was receiving less attention in new decors than in the past due to its limitations as an inherently heavy, fragile option and the perception that is was passé among trendsetting homeowners.

Toronto-based designer Andrew Pike of Andrew Pike Interiors explained that "some clients shied away from using marble in the past due to the fear of breakage and waste during installation or having to replace pieces that become weak or crack over time."

However, a new generation marble tile has been developed, called Accolade Premium RF, and it is receiving praise from designers, architects and tile setters as the ultimate durable solution to marble tile.

Using the same innovative concepts that have brought engineered hardwood floors to the forefront, these tiles feature a wide range of marble meticulously selected from exotic quarries, bonded to high quality porcelain for significantly superior strength, and precision engineered to meet the most demanding specifications.

Most importantly, this innovative technology also allows these beautiful marbles to be bonded to honeycomb aluminum for large wall panel applications, a first in the industry.

"It's very exciting to finally be able to use marble on vertical surfaces with confidence, with the help of the aluminum backing," Pike said. "Now large installations have less wastage, and install easily. Accolade opens a whole new range of possibilities for designers and architects."

"It's so easy to install it's quickly becoming the preferred choice of tile setters and luxury hotels across the country," said Mark Hanna, President of Leeza Distribution Inc., (leezadistribution.com) one of North America's leading distributors of premium surfaces, including the new Accolade Premium RF Collection. NEWS CANADA

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Discerning consumers have been incorporating marble into their new customized palatial bathrooms, adding a desired sense of luxury to their well-decorated spa spaces.

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Convenience is in for household cleaning, but so is being green

Michelle Lee spends a lot of time selecting organic food for her family of six.

"Cleaning's another story," however, says Lee, who writes a housekeeping blog, Adventures of Supermom. "I need things that make my life easier and I love a fast cleanup. The convenience of wipes outweighs everything to me."

How is it that people who are generally devoted to living green are so willing to use disposables to clean?

Well, they're easy. Instead of hauling out a bucketful of cleaning gear, you pop open a package.

"I credit Swiffer with kind of starting the whole idea of cleaning as you go," says Carolyn Forte, the director for home appliances and cleaning products at the Good Housekeeping Institute. "A lot of consumers have gotten away from dedicating specific time for cleaning. Instead, people are doing a little bit all of the time."

Julia Hidy of Toronto turned to the electrostatic cloths after a recent fire in her apartment building.

"Cotton rags and towels just smeared the soot around, and 32 other building residents were vying for the laundry," she says. "Cleaning sprays were too caustic to use all over. The soot was too fine to vacuum. The electrostatic action of the Swiffer cloths 'picked up' the soot and trapped it before it spread."

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There's now a kit for just about every household cleaning task, from swabbing dust bunnies (like Swiffer, above) to scrubbing the toilet, but is there a more green way to clean?

Hidy says she doesn't own a car, has recycled for 20 years and buys organic. But she's devoted to her disposable cleaning tool.

"When someone comes up with a solution that's exactly like a Swiffer, but completely reusable and doesn't trigger my dust allergies, I'll be there," she says.

To be green:

Clorox's relatively recent Green Works line of products meets the non-profit Natural Products Association's standards. Seventh Generation offers thyme-based disinfecting wipes, and cedar, balsam and citrus-infused plant-based cleaners.

Look for products that list all ingredients, advises National Geographic's Green Guide for Everyday Living. It recommends brands such as Dr. Bronner's, Aubrey Organics and Ecover; its website has comprehensive price and performance comparisons.

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GTA housing sales boom

RooftopSurfing

I find myself saying "what a difference a year makes" when I open the monthly email from RealNet containing the new home sales data for the past month. Last week, I got the numbers for April revealing a continuation of the very strong market pace set during the first quarter of the year.

According to RealNet Canada Inc., BILD's official, independent source of new home market information, there were a total of 3,196 new homes and condos sold in the GTA in April 2010, up 64 per cent over April 2009 — yes, what a difference a year makes.

The 64 per cent increase in sales in April was made up of a modest 23 per cent in sales of low-rise (single-detached, semi-detached, townhomes) product in the 905 regions and a whopping 164 per cent increase in high-rise sales, primarily in the City of Toronto.

Through the first four months of this year, total new home sales are up 163 per cent.

In my view, new home buyers are continuing to respond enthusiastically to new project openings and remain intent on beating factors such as steadily rising prices, higher mortgage rates, the HST and the new mortgage financing rules which took effect April 19.

Taking a closer look at the price trend, RealNet reveals that over the last 12 months, the index price for high-rise condo suites has risen from $400,012 to $425,120, representing a 6.3 percentage point increase. Meanwhile, the index price for new low-rise homes jumped by $49,686 or 11.3 per cent, from $439,596 to $489,282.

What's behind the increase in new house prices? In the low-rise sector, the answer is crystal clear. If you added-up all the unsold low-rise homes in all the low-rise projects builders currently have on the market in the GTA, you'd find less than a six months supply of housing at current sales rates.

The inventory of high-rise units available for sale is much healthier than in the low-rise sector, but far from excessive, which is why prices continue to rise, albeit more modestly.

Stephen Dupuis is president and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD). He can be reached at president@bildgta.ca.

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Create your own outdoor oasis

Now that warmer weather is here, it's time to transform your outdoor space into a five-star oasis. Try these quick and easy do-it-yourself projects that will have a big impact without breaking the bank.

Just Like New, Just Like That

One of the easiest things to do to instantly improve your entertaining space is to spruce up your patio furniture with a fresh new look. Try a paint like Rust-Oleum's Painter's Touch. It works on wicker, metal or wood and comes in a variety of colours. Be daring and create a South Beach style with bright colours like berry pink and Caribbean blue or go for Hamptons chic with winter gray.

Pretty up pathways

Another trick that people often forget is changing the colour or texture of their stairs and pathways. Liven up existing outdoor stone or concrete walkways with a simple coating of concrete stain or by applying some texture with a Stoneffects finish. All it takes is a small change like this to make a big difference on the look of your backyard.

Containers, pots and urns

Pots come in all sorts of sizes and can be an easy way to spruce up an outdoor space. Revitalize your plant containers with fun colours that can be changed year after year. Use a no-fuss spray paint like Universal in two or three complimentary colours to add instant style to your garden.

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South Beach colours are in this year for your backyard patio.

Turn your barbecue into hot stuff

And finally, if you've got a tired looking barbecue, cover up rust spots or chipped paint with a high heat spray paint in a classic black or add some style with a copper finish.

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This summer, treat dad to a garage makeover

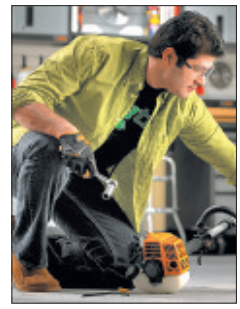
GARAGE Father's Day is almost here and it's time to celebrate all the dads out there by sprucing up dad's domain — the garage. So this year, give dad the gift of a garage makeover. Not only will dad love having an enviable garage, mom will appreciate having everything in its proper place.

A recent survey done by Gladiator GarageWorks found that most Canadian women would like to have a garage that was an "organized oasis" (59 per cent), whereas men's visions of a dream garage are more diverse: "organized oasis" (33 per cent), "wicked workshop" (27 per cent) and "auto shop garage" (22 per cent).

Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started on your dream garage:

- **A family project:** This is a great gift for dad, but it's also a great way to spend time together as a family, and let everyone have input. To make dad feel special, give him a chair, a favourite beverage and let him sit back, relax and supervise.
- **Purge:** De-cluttering the garage is an important first step. You need to know what's essential and what has just piled up that should be donated, sold or thrown away. What items do you use the most? The least? Grouping by seasons, frequency of use and/or by activity will help create order and make it easy to access what you're looking for quickly.
- **Everything in its place:** To help with storage, consider a modular system like Gladiator GarageWorks, which can be customized and adjusted easily as your family's needs and interests change over time. Use bins, hooks and cabinets to create place for everything from golf clubs to cleaning supplies to dad's prized tool kit. A handy garage blueprint estimator to get you started is available online at gladiatorgarageworks.com.
- **Sky's the limit:** If you think you're short on space just look up. There's lots of room above eye level for shelves and hooks to maximize your storage options.

This thoughtful project will make dad smile from ear to ear, and best of all it's something the family can do together on a warm spring day.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For this Father's Day, consider sprucing up your dad's garage.

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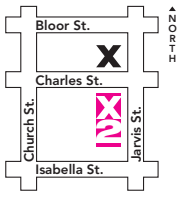

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Five steps to a healthy yard

We all want our yards to inspire fun and relaxation for ourselves and guests. With the arrival of the warmer weather, lawn care and gardening are top of mind. Read on to find five helpful tips to help you get your yard summer ready from Carson Arthur — best known as HGTV's landscaping host from Green Force and Global's Room to Grow.

Clean up the winter wreckage:

Pick up all sticks and debris that blew into your yard during the winter. Pay extra attention to clumps of leaves that can smother the new growth on your favourite flowers and shrubs. Cut out some of the hard labour with powerful, energy-efficient lawn products like Black & Decker's electric leaf blower, a lightweight alternative to using a gas powered unit.

Rake your lawn:

It is important to rake away thatch (excess grass clippings that build-up above the soil) in order to make room for new growth. You may want to invest in a de-thatching rake or use a stiff-tined rake for best results.

Feed and seed your lawn:

Use compost or organic fertilizer mixed with grass seeds to provide your lawn with a solid foundation for healthy growth. Use a red fescue blend as it requires less water to perform well in sunny or in shaded locations.

Mower maintenance:

Make sure your mower is ready for action. Consider investing in a corded or cordless electric mower; reduced noise pollution, zero smog emissions, less than half the operating cost of gas powered mowers, no maintenance and easy storage makes energy-efficient mowers a no-brainer for yard care. A good choice is the Black & Decker 36 Volt 18" Rechargeable Mower with Rear Bag.

Think before you snip

Don't be too quick to prune, some flowering shrubs flower on last year's growth, not new growth. Pruning them in the spring means no flowers later. Make sure you study your shrubs' growth habits before pruning them. A quick and effective test is to scratch the bark with your thumbnail; green means its live wood and is best pruned in the fall

By following these simple steps and using the proper tools, getting ready for summer has never been easier, you may not even consider it a chore. NEWS CANADA

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Style

Luck be a lady

Inspired by her work on the Sex and the City 2 movie, costumer designer Patricia Field — a long-time Payless Shoe Source partner — has designed a sparkly four leaf clover necklace for the North American shoe and accessories retail chain. The charm hangs from a delicate 18-inch chain and retails at $16.99 at stores across the country while supplies last. The necklace is the first of additional charmed items to come from the Patricia Field-Payless collaboration.

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Music fest gear

Outdoor concerts demand a fun & cool wardrobe

TREND Whether you're going to rock out to your local park's music lineup or travel all the way to Glastonbury, you will need to dress the part.

In Toronto this summer, there will be plenty of occasions to celebrate music. A few include: The Waterfront Blues festival (June 4 to 6), Luminato (June 11 to 20), North by Northeast (June 16 to 20), TD Toronto Jazz Festival (June 25 to July 4) and Beaches International Jazz Festival (July 16 to 25).

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The long and short of it

Guys: Go for colour and patterns this summer

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada

Before you can talk about what kind of shorts look good on a man, it helps to clear the air by hearing from women what sort of calf-revealing summer trousers might act as an effective female repellent.

Afya Francisco is a professional stylist and creative director at The Style House, and has firm opinions on men's fashion failures.

"You can never say never because these things have a way of cycling around again, but when younger guys were wearing their shorts halfway down their bums, that did nothing for anybody, so we don't want to go there again."

Francisco is quick to evoke memories of the late '70s for other shorts flops: "Mini shorts and cutoff denim — two things that should never enter a man's vocabulary." Crystal Hartman, a marketing specialist at Mark's Work Wearhouse is quick to concur. "The cutoff denims I would have to say are a no-no that I'd like to see not come back."

Thankfully, trends in men's shorts this year are more restrained, though hardly lacking colour. Both Francisco and Hartman note that checks and gingham, in particular, are big, and Francisco gives credit to Ralph Lauren, whose gingham short is currently available at high end retailers like Holt Renfrew.

Hartman is also seeing gingham, along with plaids and herringbones — "The gingham print is really big. A lot of it right now is about colours and patterns."

And since shorts are the only garment where hemlines matter for men, she says that 11 inches, just above the knee, is the standard for versatile, even dressy shorts for men, with hiking shorts running an inch or two higher, and baggy, beach-friendly board shorts running longer — almost 10 whole inches longer.

With an unseasonably warm spring, interest in shorts is apparently peaking early this year, in tandem with a longing for better weather. "As soon as it does get nice, after people stop hibernating, you see a big explosion in shorts," says Hartman. "People are just happy to have some nice weather."

Walking shorts, $69, quagmiregolf.com

Red Chaps short, $60, The Bay

Cargo shorts, $19, Joe Fresh

Miami Check shorts, $175, Hugo Boss

While Canada isn't Bermuda, the dress short is making some traction here, paired with blazers and, says Francisco, in fabrics like linen, which are both dressy and seasonally appropriate. Since shorts draw attention to socks and shoes, she says that men have to pay attention to what they put on their feet. "A great boat shoe is still casual, actually, but it is a little more updated Americana — that's a great look with a short."

As for socks, if you must wear them, Francisco is adamant that you keep your white cotton gym socks in the drawer. "I would stick with dress socks if you have to wear socks at all."

Pink Tartan to open in Yorkville

Newport-Mimran

NEW SHOP Toronto fashion designer Kimberley Newport-Mimran is set to open her flagship store for her popular Pink Tartan label.

"We're taking over the whole space," she enthused in a recent interview with the Toronto Star, "all 2,500 square feet."

The Pink Tartan store will open this fall at 77 Yorkville Ave., at the corner of Bellair Street, in the building that houses The Paisley Shop antique store. It was billed as the longest established antique business in Canada, dating to 1926.

"I've always loved that building," says Newport-Mimran, citing the advice of American designer Ralph Lauren who emphasized the importance of retailing a collection's full story in a suitable environment. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

In brief

Mark Fast

ART Luminato, Toronto Festival of Arts and Creativity will present a free landmark installation in partnership with Lancôme by London-based Canadian knitwear designer Mark Fast. Commissioned by Lancôme in celebration of their 75th anniversary, The Ascension of Beauty will be presented in Toronto's Brookfield Place Allen Lambert Galleria throughout the festival (June 11 to 20). METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Ecko-ing success

T-shirt dynamo discusses his growing enterprise and what keeps him going

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada

Marc Ecko, creative officer of Marc Ecko Enterprises. Left: The new Ecko by Marc Ecko men's fragrance.

He's been called "an influencer," and has made it onto prestigious "most powerful men under 40" lists. And for good reason.

In the nearly two decades since Marc Ecko (born Marc Milecofsky) began airbrushing attention-grabbing custom designs onto T-shirts in his parent's New Jersey garage as a teen, the 38-year-old has grown his fledgling clothing business (which started out with just six shirts) into a multi-billion dollar fashion and media empire.

Today, Marc Ecko Enterprises not only includes Marc's original Ecko Unltd street fashion — most widely recognized for its rhinoceros logo — but other clothing and accessories lines, a media division that puts out Complex, and an entertainment division that develops video games.

If that weren't enough, the married father of three, who's title is chief creative officer at his company, is now venturing into the world of fragrance with the recent launch of his first men's fragrance, Ecko by Marc Ecko. To promote it, the affable dynamo stopped by Toronto recently and sat down to chat about the secrets to his success.

Q What was the inspiration for this fragrance?

A I had a very certain notion of what I wanted, the lightness of it. I wanted something that wasn't heavy, was clean and bright with those grapefruit, citrus notes. As for the bottle, I got inspired by a glass prism that I saw in the Natural History Museum in New York. I was geeking out on how things reflected and its optical nature and how I could recreate that.

Q You've moved from fashion into publishing, gaming, fragrance — what keeps you going?

A What keeps me going is me. I know that sounds corny, but you have to be driven from a place that is very kind of intrinsic. It's certainly not money. It's not peer validation. There's some nagging thing that keeps me driven that comes from a place of maybe wanting to discover something.

Q What do you love most about your job?

A I think ideation. Ideating something and kind of the never-ending plethora of Christmas gifts that come with every Fed-Ex box when you open up the prototype. That thing you conceived of or that the group thought of. That feedback loop is addictive. I totally get such a high from that.

Q Who first inspired you as a teenager to start making T-shirts?

A I give a lot of credit to my grandmother. She made such a big fuss about my art as a kid. I was always drawing and artistic. And, my mother, to her credit, held on to all that. And my dad did a great job of giving the family a great self-image. It created a great sense of our ability to rely on each other and I really attribute that kind of structure to my success more than anything.

What's in a name?

• Ever wonder why Marc adopted the surname Ecko? The company name is actually based on the designer's history. When his mother was pregnant with him and his twin sister Marci, only Marci showed up on the ultrasound. Marc appeared as just an "echo" and was a total surprise to his parents upon his birth.

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Health Care CAREERS

Did you know?

The First Nations and Inuit Health Careers Program, created in 1984, works towards increasing the number of First Nations, Inuit and Metis health professionals in Canada.

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Good listener required

LAURA EGGERTSON
for Metro Canada

Brad Allard was selling hearing aids in Oregon when he made a house call one day to visit a four-year-old girl whose hearing had been damaged by meningitis. She was napping when he arrived, but when she awoke, she pointed to the hearing aid and then to her ear.

"That was it," says Allard, 54. "That day I thought, 'I want to be an audiologist.'"

Allard realized that if the child — who couldn't speak — could clearly communicate her need for the hearing aid that opened up the world of sound, then he wanted to be an audiologist to help others like her.

Unlike hearing aid dispensers, audiologists not only test people's hearing, they help to prevent and treat hearing loss. They prescribe and fit hearing aids, teach people skills to cope with hearing loss, counsel patients and family members, and even help people with auditory processing disorders learn more effectively.

So Allard earned his master's degree in audiology, and in 1990 moved to Toronto for a job at Scarborough Hospital. Today he has his own practice in Toronto and is a board member of the Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

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Audiologists test people's hearing, prescribe and fit hearing aids and teach patients coping skills.

"In any given day, I'll test people's hearing, talk to them about the degree and nature of any hearing loss, and about how it affects their lives," says Allard. "I'll help them understand it, accept it, and help people get over any denial."

A good audiologist needs to be patient, empathetic and, ironically, a good listener, Allard says. In addition, he or she needs to have a sense for the science and the acoustics of audiology.

"That all comes with the training," he says. "It's an art and a science."

Audiologists often work closely with ear, nose and throat specialists and other doctors, speech therapists, nurses, social workers, teachers, and occupational and physical therapists.

In Canada, audiologists need a minimum of a Master's degree in audiology and require an internship in a hospital, hearing clinic, or rehabilitation or other health care facility before graduation.

Curing aches and pains

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Canada

Physiotherapy is a health care profession that deals with rehabilitating patients from problems caused by things such as disease and sports and work injuries.

"We get them back to doing what they want to be able to do," says Mike Sutton, owner of The Physioclinic in Halifax.

Whether it's an ache, a pain, or a joint that moves too little (or too much), physiotherapists can help. Physiotherapists develop treatment plans using exercise to help people increase endurance and strength, and improve balance.

A good physiotherapist will also help people deal with lifestyle and behaviour modification.

Anne Fenety, a physiotherapy professor at Dalhousie University says there are typically two types of injuries: acute and repetitive strain.

"The bottom line is it's the kind of trauma that comes on over and over again and now it's come to your attention," says Fenety. "You need to do something about it."

She says for both types of injury, prevention is key. This means having the proper training and equipment.

Timing is also important. When people begin to experience discomfort that does not go away within a reasonable period of time, they should seek treatment.

"The real key is to get in to see your physiotherapist sooner rather than later," says Sutton. "A little bit of work now can save a lot of time later."

Physiotherapists will help people with their injuries, but ultimately it's the patients who cure themselves.

"Nobody will cure you," says Sutton. "There is no magic bullet. At the end of the day, we will help you cure yourself."

Social work: Seeing the value in helping the most vulnerable in society

LAURA EGGERTSON
for Metro Canada

Jane Mahoney's decision to become a social worker grew naturally from the values she watched her mother exhibit, caring for her grandfather on their family farm near Low, Quebec.

"It was traditional in the Irish Catholic community to take care of your own family," Mahoney explains.

Over the last 20 years in Ottawa, she has helped patients and their families access the practical supports and resources to cope with injuries and illness.

Currently, Mahoney works with brain-injured patients as part of a multidisciplinary team in the neurosurgery program at the Ottawa Hospital.

"People who come to hospital are overwhelmed and unsure of where to turn," Mahoney says. "In crisis mode, people can't imagine how they will ever cope. We're helping them to realize that they can."

Social workers in hospitals conduct psychosocial assessments — assessing preparedness for how a patient's illness or injury will affect their lives. They also identify the stressors patients and their families face, and help them navigate the health care system.

"We travel the journey with them," says Mahoney.

Social workers in hospitals often have caseloads of 15-20 patients or more. Good social workers demonstrate empathy and compassion, analyze situations quickly and have good problem-solving and communication skills, Mahoney says.

Post-secondary requirements

- In Ontario, social workers must be registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, and typically hold a Bachelor of Social Work or Master of Social Work degree, or both.

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Lost fans tune in
Canadian fans of the program Lost were out in full force on Sunday, glued to their television screens as the epic series came to a sensational close. CTV reports that the two-hour retrospective that preceded the Lost finale drew an audience of 1.5-million viewers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Pen pals
Sarah Palin is complaining about her new neighbour — a writer penning a book about her. Author Joe McGinniss moved into the house next to Palin's home in Wasilla, Alaska. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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STP takes tired rock route

Stone Temple Pilots

Album: Stone Temple Pilots
Label: Atlantic/Warner
Rating: ●●

A LOT HAS happened in the nine years since Stone Temple Pilots' last record was released. There have been new bands, feuds and stints in drug rehab, but somehow Scott Weiland and the DeLeo brothers have put that behind them to release a new STP record. If only they had stayed separated. This disc is mostly made up of — not surprisingly — bland '90s-era rock. Weiland unfortunately channels Dylan on Between the Lines, while other songs, including Huckleberry. Crumble, dabble in bar band blues. There are some meaty riffs and they do sound like a cohesive group that's having fun, but this is a long way off from the foursome's Vasoline days.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Janelle Monae

Album: The ArchAndroid
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●●

THE PREMISE IS kind of silly, but, at times, the music is ultra cool. The ArchAndroid is a continuation of the sci-fi hip-hopera Janelle Monae introduced with her debut LP Metropolis. It's hard to imagine that anyone actually buys this stuff in order to follow the latest chapter in Metropolis' fight for freedom from the evil Great Divide. On the other hand, you may be interested in finding out what Outkast's Big Boi has been doing lately. He's featured on Tightrope, the very fine first single off this intriguing record. There's a wonderfully organic voodoo-jazz thing running throughout that keeps The ArchAndroid's futuristic themes firmly grounded in the culture of '50s America.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Nas & Damian Marley

Album: Distant Relatives
Label: Def Jam
Rating: ●●½

THE LONG-TALKED about union between the ill street poet and Bob's most talented progeny comes to fruition. Following last year's successful stint headlining the Rock The Bells tour, this collaboration doesn't sustain the same impact on disc as it did on stage. Nas and Junior Gong sound fresh and focused, finding lyrical common ground, but surprisingly, it's when they're most relaxed that this deep, dynamic duo delivers. The whipping dancehall of As We Enter and the stomping boom bap of Nah Mean are potent cuts, but Distant Relatives is plagued with flaccid, AOR production that not even guest spots by K'naan and Lil Wayne can save. Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Stone Temple Pilots' first new album in nine years mostly features bland '90s-era rock.

Wintersleep

Album: New Inheritors
Label: EMI
Rating: ●●●●½

AFTER FOUR RECORDS Juno-Award winners Wintersleep have finally made a masterpiece. The songs travel the fine line between epic and indie rock. But this time they get the balance right, and even add orchestral flourishes to a few tracks. Encyclopedia's crunchy guitars fit perfectly with wild background electro sounds and a brooding chorus ("Encyclopedia of hurt," sings Paul Murphy.) Black Camera is more straight up rock, while Baltic is a slower number with fuzzy guitars and a haunting mid-song breakdown.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Marina & The Diamonds

Album: The Family Jewels
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●

IT'S TIME TO put an end to "quirky" British singers ... or at least force them to stay on their side of the Atlantic. They've been coming and going for some 30 years, ever since Kate Bush's "quirky" voice was introduced to the world. It can be fashionable to view "quirky" as innovative, creative or intelligent. Usually, however, it just describes an attractive woman with an irritating voice and a whole lot of hype. You may have some "quirky" albums buried in the back of your cabinet. They're the ones you probably only listened to once, maybe twice. Welcome to the back of the cabinet, Marina.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Album Reviews

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Hank III

Album: Rebel Within
Label: Curb
Rating: ●●●

HANK WILLIAMS III is nothing if not predictable. You know even before he sings "Gettin' Drunk" that the next line will almost certainly be "and fallin' down." And you can bet that if he's singing a tear jerker about his 61-year-old "mama," it's only because she ODed on crack. Still you've got to love Hank III. Who else would inject metalcore vocals ontop of a traditional banjo, guitar and fiddle run?

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Time to Dance

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Entertainment in brief

ART Taking a break from movies, Moulin Rouge director Baz Luhrmann unveiled a multimedia installation yesterday in Hong Kong that he says explores the narrative potential of paintings. The Creek, a collaboration with painter Vincent Fantauzzo, centres on a large oil painting showing rescue efforts for a car that has veered off a bridge. The painting is placed in a narrow dark room decorated with candles and photographs from Luhrmann's childhood in rural Australia. An audio clip of a car crash plays in the background. "I am fascinated with how in classical art narrative is dealt with," Luhrmann told reporters on the sidelines of the Hong Kong International Art Fair, where his piece is being displayed.

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Sex sequel bloated affair

Sex and the City 2

Director: Michael Patrick King
Stars: Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Carrie and co. return in Sex and the City 2.

Although Sex and the City 2 will surely draw a comparative sum to its highly successful big-screen predecessor, someone should've thrown an "interfriendtion" for this TV hit-turned-film franchise.

At over 140 minutes, this bloated, self-indulgent flick may fulfill a few fantasies (especially if you ever wanted to visit the Middle East and meet a Danish dude driving aimlessly in a Humvee through the desert) but as a film, it's uninspired.

Set two years after Carrie's (Sarah Jessica Parker) marriage in the first film, the Manhattan-based novelist becomes disillusioned by the fact Big (Chris Noth) is settling into domestic life. How fortunate then that she and the girls are invited by perpetual floozy Samantha (Kim Cattrall) on a trip to Abu Dhabi to reflect on their respective crises through cocktails, shopping and occasionally offending the locals with unwelcome acts of sexual freedom.

Filmmaker Michael Patrick King may be trying to send a message, and indeed Samantha publicly latching onto a dude's crotch at the hotel pool exhibits sexual liberation, but the free-thinking-American-in-Abu Dhabi-schtick ends up more arrogant than enlightening.

Nevertheless, this sequel isn't just about cultural disparity. King shovels a slew of double entendres that will sneak giggles from most female fans.

But his script is too lean where it works best: When characters are paired-off in vulnerable conversation about the hardships of motherhood or marriage and not when they're busy asking the hotelier if a visiting soccer team "brought their balls."

Still, fans will get what they likely crave — a flashy gay wedding, the return of an ex-boyfriend and Liza Minnelli singing a rendition of Beyoncé's Single Ladies that almost made me nostalgic for Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel. Almost.

Sex and the City 2 screen times

DOWNTOWN
- **Varsity:** No Passes 12-1-3:30-4:30-7-8-10:30
- **Yonge-Eglinton:** No Passes 1-4:30-8 No Passes 12-3:30-7-10:30
- **Yonge & Dundas 24:** 1:20-4:40-8:10 10:40-11:20-12-12:40-2:40-3:20-4-4:40-5:20-6-6:40-7:20-9-9:40-10:20

WEST END
- **Queensway:** No Passes 12-1-2:30-3:30-4:30-6:15-7-8-9:45-10:30

NORTH YORK
- **Empress Walk:** 3:30-4:10-5:10-6:50-7:30-8:30-10:10-10:50
- **Silvercity Yorkdale:** No Passes 12-2:30-3:30-6:15-7-9:45-10:30
- **Silvercity Fairview:** No Passes 12-1-3:30-4:30-7-8-10:30

SCARBOROUGH
- **Coliseum Scarborough:** No Passes 12:30-1-2:30-3:45-4:30-6:15-7:10-8-9:45-10:30
- **Eglinton Town Centre:** No Passes 3:30-4:30-6:15-7-8-9:45-10:30

PEEL
- **Coliseum 10:** No Passes 12-1-2:30-3:30-4:30-6:15-7-8-9:45-10:3
- **Courtney Park 16:** 11:35-12:25-3:30-4-7-7:35-10:30-11
- **Orion Gate Grande:** 3:30-7-10:30
- **Empress Walk:** No Passes 3:30-4:30-7-7:50-10:30

NORTH
- **Aurora Cinemas:** No Passes 7-8-10:30
- **Colossus 19:** 12-1-2:30-3:30-4:30-6:15-7-8-9:45-10:30
- **Elgin Mills:** 5:30-8:30
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- **Silvercity Richmond Hill:** No Passes 3:30-6:15-7-9:45-10:30

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Opry concert for flood relief

Brad Paisley, Vince Gill, Steve Wariner and Ricky Skaggs kicked off the Grand Ole Opry's month-long 85th birthday celebration Tuesday night with an all-star jam that took on new meaning when Opry officials decided to turn it into a benefit for Nashville flood relief. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Morocco argues over Elton

Elton John was expected to be the highlight of Morocco's biggest music festival yesterday evening — despite calls by the country's main Islamist party to shelve the British singer because of his homosexuality.

The public spat between organizers for the Mawazine Festival and the Justice and Development Party, or PJD, the country's largest authorized Islamist group, illustrates the growing rift between Morocco's Western-leaning authorities and its more conservative Muslim movements.

"This singer is famous for his homosexual behaviour and for advocating it," said Mustapha Ramid, a leader and spokesman for the PJD, the biggest opposition party with 40 lawmakers in parliament. "We're a rather open party, but promoting homosexuality is completely unacceptable," Ramid told The Associated Press, saying homosexuality is against Muslim values.

Elton John

Moroccan officials dismissed the calls to ban Elton John from performing.

"We deal with artists and intellectuals for what they do, without taking into account their private life," said Mawazine Festival organizer El Hassan Neffali. "Somebody's private life is one thing, and their art or creative activities are another." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dancing Doll wins
The Pussycat Doll is now the Dancing With the Stars champ. Nicole Scherzinger and partner Derek Hough dominated throughout the 10th season of the hit ABC show and bested Olympic gold medallist Evan Lysacek to win the Dancing crown Tuesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Idol awaits life after Simon

Simon Cowell was a man of few words as an American Idol judge, but they were choice.

What he said helped turn a singing contest into a pop-culture force that dominates TV, even in its ninth season and with sliding viewership — and whose future is clouded by his departure after last night's season finale.

Cowell was so colourful and biting in his criticism that it felt like a bracing slap in the face of the performers, viewers and social convention. Brits such as Cowell may be accustomed to candour, but Americans tend to err on the side of cheery positive reinforcement (exhibit A: most utterances by Paula Abdul) and fluff (Randy Jackson's repetitive "Yo!").

Most importantly, the music industry veteran was authoritative and mostly on target. With the intimidating hauteur of a snobbish wine steward, he steered viewers to the proper assessment of contestants.

"You sucked the soul out of that song," Cowell told Andrew Garcia after his performance this season of Marvin Gaye's Heard It Through the Grapevine.

Simon Cowell, left, appears with fellow American Idol judge Randy Jackson. With Cowell's departure, the show's future may be in question.

"It was like a musical, the bad part of the musical," he said to Didi Benami after she tackled Linda Ronstadt's You're No Good.

He was key to the show's early success, said Tim Brooks, a TV historian (co-author of The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network and Cable TV Shows) and former network executive.

"His sarcastic — but knowledgeable — put-downs lifted the show from the traditional Star Search mould to something genuinely new on television, a talent show where not only was the competition fierce and the standards high but the judges were part of the entertainment," Brooks said.

Although viewers had a "love-hate" relationship with Cowell, Brooks said, "they knew he was the real deal, telling shaky contestants what they needed to hear."

His act wasn't all scowling Cowell. Handsome, with a penchant for snug T-shirts, he had a disarming wink for those he favoured. And if he misjudged a gifted singer, it wasn't for long. Finalist Crystal Bowersox won an admission from Cowell that he had "completely underestimated" her as a serious artist.

"Simon's a rare bird. He's more honest than most people can handle, and I love that about him," Bowersox, 24, of Toledo, Ohio, said Monday.

Cowell believes in "not changing who you are, but taking what you're good at and making it better," said Lee DeWyze, 24, of Mount Prospect, Ill., Bowersox's competition.

Bowersox thanked Cowell for his help and wished him well before he weighed in on her performance of Up on the Mountain, the last of the evening.

"Since this is going to be the final critique I'm ever gonna give, I would just like to say that was outstanding," Cowell said, ending his Idol judging run on a sweet note.

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Drugstore Cowboy author arrested

RECORDING Police in Washington state say the man who wrote Drugstore Cowboy has been arrested in another pharmacy robbery. James Fogle was arrested with another man after they allegedly tied up employees at a pharmacy in Redmond. Fogle has spent much of his adult life in prison, which is where he wrote Drugstore Cowboy. Gus Van Sant turned the novel into the 1989 film starring Matt Dillon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Embarrassed Fergie in N.Y.

PUBLISHING The Duchess of York alluded to an influence-peddling scandal involving her ex-husband Prince Andrew in an appearance yesterday to promote her latest children's books.

Beset by money woes, the ex-royal Sarah Ferguson was caught on video offering an undercover reporter access to her former husband for $724,000 US, a British tabloid reported.

In introducing another author, she said his book gives us "reason to believe that problems can be solved ... I think I'll read it immediately."

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The Boys Are Back
Sportswriter Joe (Clive Owen) is raising his 6-year-old son (Nicholas McAnulty) alone after the death of his wife. A firm believer in giving kids as much freedom as possible, he finds his child-rearing philosophy challenged by his new girlfriend (Emma Booth), a single mom, and his older son (George MacKay), who's had a far more structured upbringing with Joe's ex. Laura Fraser also stars in this 2009 comedy-drama. 9 PM on M1

Unforgiven
Showing you're never too old to make quality movies, Clint Eastwood directed and starred in this Academy Award-winning 1992 film about a former outlaw who hopes to ensure his children's financial security with one last job. He persuades his old friend to join him, and the two aged gunslingers head into town to kill a fugitive for a reward. Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman and Richard Harris also star. 12 PM on PIX

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The Pita & Dip for Two ($9.99) arrives with hard whole-wheat pita wedges and baba ghanouj that tastes like mayonnaise. The accompanying salad is nice, but we barely touch the main components. Tuscan Chicken ($14.99), comprised of dry, boneless chicken breasts, smothered in red pepper cream sauce, and served with broccoli, carrots, zucchini and garlic mashed potatoes is disappointingly drab, but edible.

My companion though, likes her Chicken & Shrimp Souvlaki ($15.99) — a skewer of chicken, one of shrimp and one of veg. Drinks and wine by the glass are super cheap, the portions are huge and parking is free.

The ambience and service, however, ensure we won't return.

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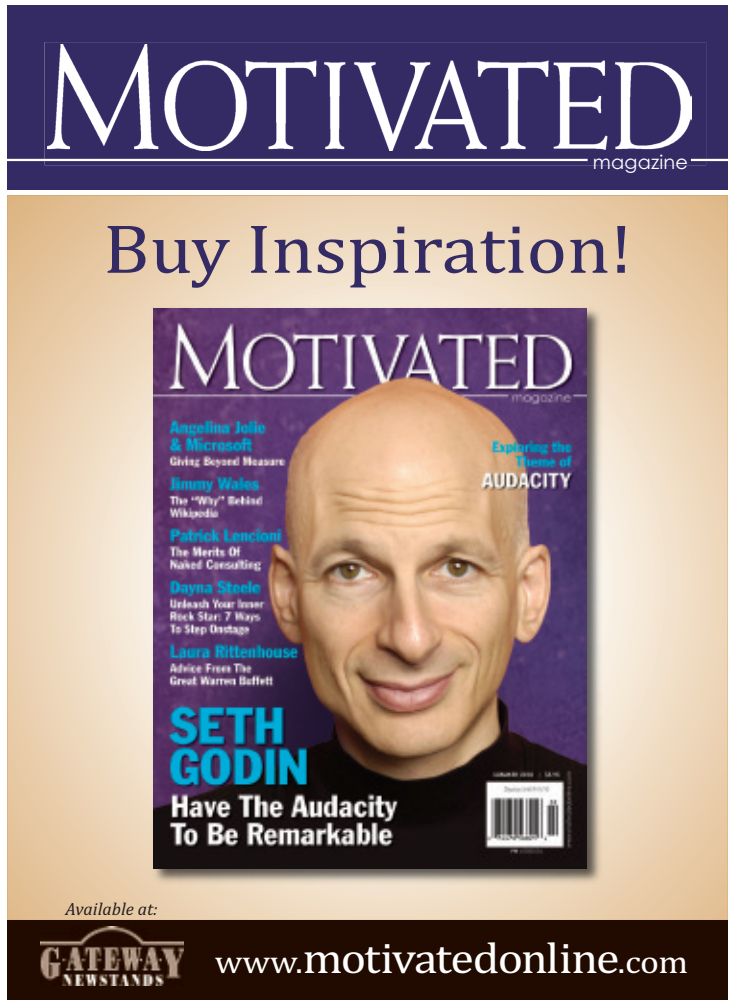

Fox to be a pirate?
With the Transformers franchise officially behind her, Megan Fox is looking for a new gig, and word is she has her sites set on the next Pirates of the Caribbean film, according to the Daily Mirror. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

On the couch again

SUPPOSE THAT'S BETTER THAN BEING ON THE LEDGE Tom Cruise is finally opening up about his infamous couch-jumping incident on Oprah Winfrey's talk show five years ago.

"What happened, happened. I wanted the audience to be happy just like I wanted to make my sisters and my mother happy when I did those skits as a kid," Cruise tells Esquire.

"But I'll take responsibility for my actions."

What really surprised Cruise, he admits, was the reactions it garnered.

"Afterward, wild things were being said about me, and once they're in the ether, there's nothing you can do about it," he said.

"It felt like being the new kid in the schoolyard again and the other kids are whispering and whispering about you and suddenly you hear what they're saying, and you think, 'What? That didn't happen. Look at the reality of the situation.'"

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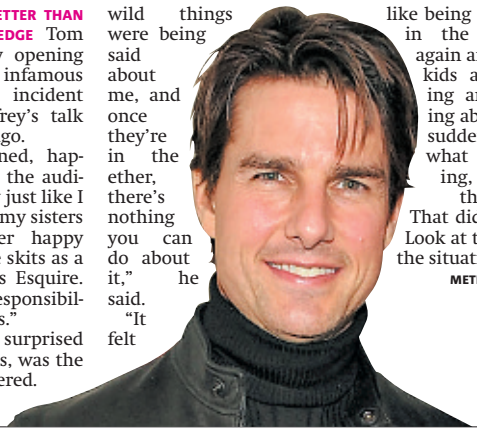

Perry pair the next Brangelina?

THE REAL QUESTION IS WHEN WILL COMBINING CELEB NAMES JUMP THE SHARK? Katy Perry is so satisfied with her relationship with Russell Brand that she can't help associating herself with some famous company.

"I do feel like the new Brangelina, with his movie coming out on Tuesday, Get Him to the Greek," she tells Ryan Seacrest, comparing them to Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

"Everything is happening at the same time, which is somewhat of a blessing because if one of us wasn't working, we'd get annoyed with each other."

And as for that wedding they have coming up?

"I think it's going to be small because we have so much bigness going on in our lives," Perry says.

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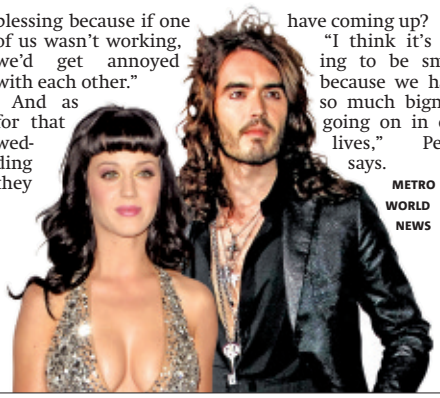

No sense crying over spilt milk

HOW ABOUT CRYING OVER FLOUNDERING CAREERS? There's officially no more milkshake in Nas and Kelis' marriage.

Court filings show a judge on Friday dissolved the union between singer Kelis Rogers and rapper Nas, whose full name is Nasir Jones.

No other details were revealed.

Rogers, best known for her feisty tune Milkshake, filed for divorce last May, citing "irreconcilable differences."

Jones, considered one of rap's most popular artists, just released a collaborative album with reggae's Damian Marley.

Documents show the couple married in July 2003. Jones was ordered in December to pay more than $51,000 US a month to Rogers and their infant son. Calls to Jones' attorney were not immediately returned. The office for Rogers' attorney said she declined to comment.

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No laughing matter

NEITHER ARE HIS MOVIES Comic Jon Lovitz and others are being sued by the Los Angeles Dodgers over claims they failed to pay nearly $100,000 US for season tickets for the 2010 baseball season.

Delaware-based Dodger Tickets LLC filed the breach-of-contract lawsuit Monday in Los Angeles.

The lawsuit claims Lovitz and 100 other individuals entered into a written agreement in March 2008 to buy three dugout club seats for all baseball games played at Dodger Stadium in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The lawsuit alleges the group refused to pay $95,400 for the 2010 season.

The company is seeking $95,400 and other unspecified damages in the lawsuit Attempts to contact Lovitz were unsuccessful.

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DeGeneres launches label

BECAUSE KNOWING NOTHING ABOUT MUSIC QUALIFIES YOU TO RUN OTHER PEOPLE'S CAREERS Ellen DeGeneres is getting into the music mogul business, starting a record label, eleveneleven, and signing YouTube sensation Greyson Chance, she announced on her talk show.

Chance, who shot to fame after a video of him performing Lady Gaga's Paparazzi was posted online, will be co-managed by Gaga's manager, Troy Carter, and Madonna's manager, Guy Oseary.

"It's crazy thinking about 30 million people," Chance said during his second appearance on DeGeneres' show.

"It just makes me happy. It really just hasn't sunken in yet. It has been two weeks and it still hasn't sunken in yet. It's awesome."

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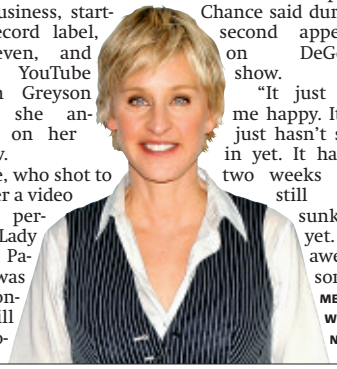

Lohan changes up her locks

SHHH! SHE'S IN DISGUISE While she's been holed up laying low in a Beverly Hills hotel since getting fitted for an alcohol-monitoring anklet, Lindsay Lohan has found one way to amuse herself: going blonde.

The natural redhead spent more than five hours at the Andy LeCompte Salon in West Hollywood, finally emerging after 10 p.m. with platinum blonde locks, according to TMZ.

While she smiled for the waiting cameras, Lohan had nothing to say about her current situation.

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

BRITNEY SPEARS finds new ways to entertain her kids, **CONAN O'BRIEN** is in vaunted company, **KELLY OSBOURNE** has trouble getting out of the house, and **ASHTON KUTCHER** is curious about linguistics.

@britneyspears I love to take my boys on car drives, and sing songs to them about Mary Poppins that I make up.

@ConanOBrien Today I got my 1,000,000th Twitter follower! I am now in the realm of Gods like Ashton, Bieber, Mariah, and updates on new Dell products.

@MissKellyO I'm late for the gym because I got in the car then realized I forgot to brush my teeth :(that's the worst!

@aplusk Do people Use the f word as nouns verbs and adjectives in other languages?

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Parker likes her marriage private

SO DO WE Sarah Jessica Parker insists the key to a successful marriage is secrecy.

"I like having some mystery in our relationship. I like not knowing everything about my husband," she tells Parade magazine. "I think people should have things that are theirs, things that are the unknown to someone else. I think it's good to have some privacy and some secrets in our lives.

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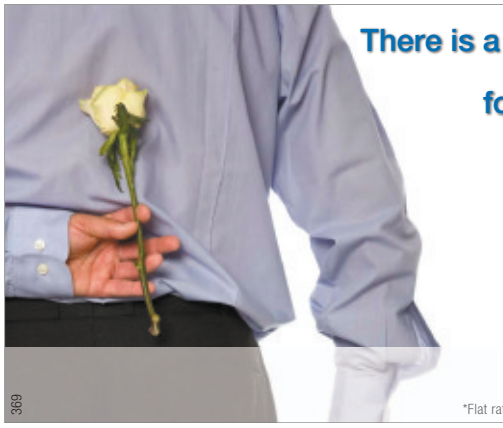

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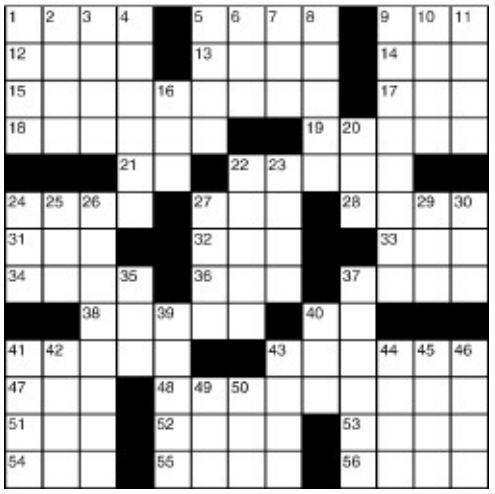

ACROSS

1 Fusses
5 Thick slice
9 Do some lawn-work
12 Former frosh
13 Head light?
14 Mimic
15 Longtime partner of Mike Nichols
17 "Uh-huh"
18 In cahoots
19 Minimum
21 Infinitive part
22 Shorthand developer
24 Staffer
27 "Chances —"
28 Nonsense
31 Miss Piggy's pronoun
32 Has the skill
33 Corn spike
34 Shove
36 Cambridge sch.
37 Pound of verse
38 "Psycho" setting
40 Firefighter's need
41 Old saying
43 Wool provider
47 Trigger's passenger
48 Pilgrims' ship
51 Lamb's dam
52 Docking site
53 Bag
54 Moreover
55 Approximately
56 "— Wide Shut"

DOWN

1 On the briny
2 Barbie, e.g.
3 October stone
4 Certain Muslim
5 Molt
6 Felon's flight
7 Chicken — king
8 Peter of "Young Frankenstein"
9 Puerto Rican port city
10 Piece of work
11 Cried
16 Opposite of paleo-
20 Early bird?
22 "The Da Vinci Code" topic
23 Landlord's due
24 Pump up the volume
25 Debtor's letters
26 Robbed of resolution
27 Wile E.'s supplier
29 Distant
30 Monk's address
35 Glutton
37 Show
39 Beat
40 Every crumb
41 Neighborhood
42 This way
43 Roundish do
44 Vacationing
45 R&B singer Winans
46 Crude craft
49 Melody
50 "Of course"

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	1		8		9			7
				6		4		8
				5		3	2	
	4						8	5
			3		8			
8	7						1	
	6	7		1				
3		9		4				
1			9		2		3	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

5	7	6	4	3	9	2	8	1
3	1	8	2	6	5	7	4	9
2	4	9	7	8	1	6	5	3
9	2	5	3	1	4	8	7	6
4	3	7	6	2	8	1	9	5
8	6	1	5	9	7	3	2	4
6	9	2	8	4	3	5	1	7
7	8	4	1	5	6	9	3	2
1	5	3	9	7	2	4	6	8

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Quick Fish Tacos

Recipe submitted by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 10 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp olive oil, plus more for greasing sheet pan
1/2 white onion, very thinly sliced
2 cups ice water
1 tbsp lime juice
1 tbsp finely chopped jalapeno pepper
1/4 tsp ground cumin
1 1/4 lb tilapia fillets, or other firm white fish (e.g. haddock, mahi mahi or bass)|
8 (6-inch) whole-wheat or corn tortillas
2 cups finely shredded red cabbage
1 cup deli fresh store-bought salsa, drained
1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves for garnish, optional

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. Line a rimmed sheet pan with tinfoil, lightly grease with olive oil and set aside. Stack tortillas and wrap in tinfoil, set aside. Place onion slices in ice water for 10 minutes, drain well and set aside.
2. Place wrapped tortillas on bottom rack of oven for 10-15 minutes until warmed through.
3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine lime juice, olive oil, jalapeno and cumin and stir. Arrange tilapia on prepared sheet pan and brush tops of fillets with jalapeno mixture. Broil fish 3 to 4-inches from heat until just cooked through, about 7 - 10 minutes. Break fish into large chunks and transfer to serving plate.
4. To assemble tacos, fill tortillas with fish, onions, cabbage, salsa, drizzle with lime sour cream and garnish with cilantro, if desired.

SERVES 4

- *Serve this recipe with Lime Sour Cream and Guacamole. Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You need to be free to pursue your own interests, in your own way. Others may say you are being selfish but how do they know what you need?

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The full moon warns that you won't be able to force others to do as you say. If you want them to go along with your plans you must show them the benefit.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't give way just because you cannot be bothered to argue. If you let rivals think they have won they will make your life a misery tomorrow.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Focus on little, everyday things for a while. You'll feel less emotional about the situation tomorrow.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It's highly likely that you will disagree with someone over something important. In the greater scheme of things it's really of minor significance.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you feel the need to let off steam today do so. You may look controlled but on the inside your feelings are all over the place. Let them out

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You seem to be in one of those moods when you enjoy provoking an argument. Hopefully you won't make too many waves.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Don't take risks with money today. The odds are not in your favor. Whether it is your own cash you are putting at risk is besides the point.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will see both sides of an argument. You'll still think that your view is right but will realize that it's one of many possible ways of doing something

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may be in need of a hug and a few kind words but you'll be lucky if you get them. Others are too concerned with their own issues.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may seem to others that you are being selfish as you want your own way all the time, and maybe you are, but why should you settle for anything less?

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Duty and desire will pull you in different directions today and the tension could get a bit much for your sensitive Pisces nature.

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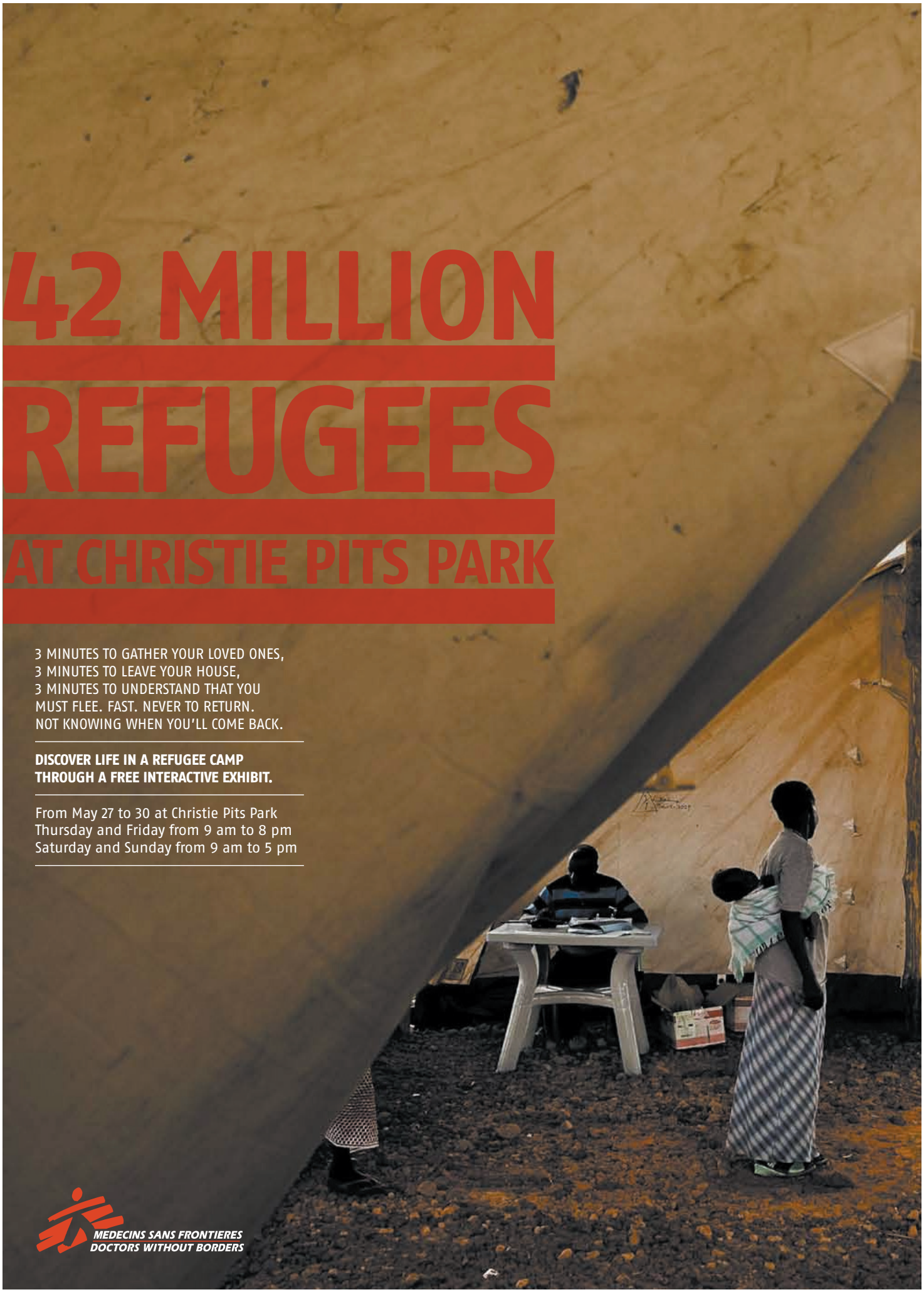
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